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B. S. BALIGA,
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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, 1753

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No. 1.

To the Worshipfull Robt. Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &cA. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

By the Success on whom We freighted the Several Stores for your Settlement receiv'd from England last Season We wrote you from Fort St. David under date the 20th. March and she sailed from hence the 3d. April follows. On the 27th. of the same month Our Honble Masters Snow Brillant arrived here with Your Letter dated the 15th. & 20th. February and one from the Resident at Moco Moco of the 12th. March & the Bombay Castle has Likewise since brought us your Letter of the 6th. July—To all which We shall now reply under the Established Heads. Para 1st.

First Concerning Shipping.

2. . . We now dispatch to you Our Honble Masters Ship Delawar with Coffree Women which will in your Business be as Serviceable as the men, Which We are under a necessity of keeping here to train them up to arms. Of both sexes we receivd only two Hundred and sixteen by this ship for this Reason and it being the Honble Company's Directions to return her to Madagascar for a second Cargo if we had not an opportunity of Employing her more for their advantage. As soon as she has landed what slaves she now carrys and Everything Else we have put on board her for your Settlement which must be done with all convenient Dispatch she must proceed accordingly on her said Voyage agreeable to the Instructions We have given the Commander.

3. . . By this opportunity We send you the Arabs your serjeant has recruited being here and Fifty Topasses which with the number of men We observe were sent you from England on the Exeter will we imagine be a very good Reinforcement for your Garrison.

4th. . . We also now dispatch to you Our Honble Masters Snow Brillant with Rice & Salt, and some other articles the Delawar could not take in as ℔ the Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed in her Packet, The Mustard Seed Oyl not being yet come from Bengal, must Wait for the next Oppertunity.

5th. . . Inclosed We send you a Copy of our Honble Masters Commands to your Settlement dated the 29th. Novembr. 1749 by the Exeter least [*sic*] any accident should prevent your receiving them. and expect your strict Observance thereof.

6. . . The Reason of the Master of the Cuddalore Sloop's pay being so considerable was his being fix'd in that Command on this Coast on the same terms as the Masters of the Company's other vessels. But as she is now reserv'd for the use of your Settlement, We are convinced it will be an Easy matter to

procure Seamen fit for your purpose on the footing of the Masters of your other sloops which we think sufficient and you must therefore reduce the pay of the Master of the Cuddalore to the same.

7th. . . You must not make any purchases of Sloops or Vessells without our Knowledge, If by any accidents you should be in want of them, upon your Representation hereof to us, We shall endeavour to supply you.

8th. . . After the Repeated orders given you by our Honble Masters and Ourselves, not to lade surplus Tonnage on any of the ships Homeward bound and your full assurances and compliance therewith, It gave us much surprize to observe the Onslow had on board one Hundred and Thirty Tons, We cannot avoid expressing our Entire Disapprobation of your Conduct herein and are determin'd to shew a proper resentment if you continue to act so contrary to our Express Directions.

9th. . . We shall give the Commanders strict orders not to call at Natall for the future, We find the Brillant's touching there in her Passage from hence last Voyage was a case of necessity.

10th. . . As it is most convenient and the Expence much the same, for the slaves. Recruits &c^{a}. to be supply'd with Provisions in the Voyage by the Commanders, what are now sent you are to be provided for in that manner and you must Discharge Their Bills for the same agreeable to what has been customary. We have paid Cap^{t}. Burman for Dieting those The Brillant Snow Carried you last Year, as we found it did not exceed what is usually allow'd in such cases.

11th. . . Our Honble Masters Several ships from Europe this season have all safely arriv'd here and been dispatched on their respective Voyages and the Colchester is now here taking in a Loading for Europe.

12th. . . You Judg'd very properly in ordering the Resident at Sellebar to give all the assistance he could to the Brig^{ne}. Goed Van Wanting and to make strict enquiry into the Occasion of her sinking in so surprizing a manner as Likewise in Communicating Intelligence thereof to the Dutch.

SECONDLY concerning GOODS from EUROPE or from one part of India to be dispos'd of at another.

13th. . . By this Conveyance We have comply'd with your Indents as farr as it is in our power, exclusive of the Cordage which we observe you supplied yourselves with out of the Bombay Castle It was not consign'd to this Presidency but Bengall However as your necessatys [*sic*] were Urgent we approve of your Ordering Cap^{t}. Brown to deliver it. Tho' we cannot say the same with regard to the four chests of Bullion you Likewise took out of that ship, and the large draughts you have made on us this season, for we have positive Directions from the Honble Company to detain only as much here as our absolute occasions require and therefore by such proceedings We may be greatly distress'd, you must on this account be more moderate in your draughts in future, and upon no pretence whatever detain any treasure consign'd to us. We observe the Honble Company has supplied you with 19 nineteen Chests by the Exeter which are all round Dollars and will put you to no Inconvenience in passing them.

14th. . . As we find the Mill sent you from England for Garbling the Pepper is Represented not large Enough If you have not already furnish'd yourselves with another fit for your purpose according to that modell send it to us and we will order one to be made for you here.

15th. . . Your several Certificates on us by the Brillant & Bombay Castle have been duly discharged.

16th. . . We have sent you the Coir Cordage mention'd in your Indent, but as that is an article very liable to Damage by keeping we would have your Indents in future be for no more than you Judge You shall want annually.

17th. . . The ghee and Oil of Each of which you will receive 20 Duppers, We have not been able to procure Jarrs for or we should not have sent it in Duppers.

18th. . . With regard to the Deficiencies you speak of by the Brillant you should have required the Commander to make them Good agreable to our Practice here, which you must observe in future and when any appear on delivering over an Employ from one of our Honble Masters Servants to another you must oblige the Person in whose charge it was to pay for the same. We have given directions for more care to be taken in the Packing of the Bales.

THIRDLY INVESTMENTS AND FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

19th. . . It is a satisfaction to us to find you remain free from any troubles Which and the small Pox being so much abated Give us hopes that with your assiduity our Honble Masters will reap the advantage of an Encrease in their Invstments Proper Encouragement to those that are Industrious in their Plantations and Treating the negligent with Severity requires your particular attention as well as continuing to have constant and Regular surveys that you may from time to time get a just Information of their proceedings.

20th. . . We entirely rely on your Promises that the Expences Incurred by the Establishment of a Settlement as Natall will be amply reimburs'd to Our Honble Masters and persuade ourselves of your utmost Endeavours to promote their Interest there as well as at the several other Settlements under your Government New acquisitions are Generally attended with great Expences and but Slender Proffits Wherefore all circumstances should be well weighed before they are undertaken and great Circumspection us'd that you no Ways Interfere with the Dutch or in the least degree Infringe the Treaty Subsisting However upon the Invitations of any of the great men of the adjacent Places to settle among them we would have you so farr comply as to hoist our Colours there and Enter into Contracts with them, being first well assur'd the Dutch have no claim thereto. The Sultan of Monnancabous Invitation to make a Settlement at Priamong, Yo will perceive is not agreable to the Honble Company least. They should be thereby Embroil'd with the Dutch who seem to have some Pretensions there and therefore not to be accepted without their Express Orders.

21st. . . We have the pleasure to observe that His Majesty's Representations to the States General in regard to the Seizure of the two Prows has succeeded so well that it appear'd by an Extract from the Register of their Resolutions a Trial had been held at Batavia on the authors of that unjustifiable Inhuman action, and a Publick Example made of them by hanging some and Executing suitable Punishments on Others and directions Given for the Restitution of Their Cargoes. From hence we are persuaded proper cognizance will be taken of their further unwarrantable Behaviour in Seizing the Sloop Surprize as you mention, ample satisfaction insisted on and the necessary measures Taken to put a stop to their prosecuting Such Injurious Practices, On these occasions and the least Insult being offer'd you by them you must be mindful to represent the same full to our Honble Masters and transmit them all necessary Explanations that they may be the better Enabled to state the matter Clearly when they may judge proper to ask for Redress.

22d. . . You acted very prudently in not sends a Force to Bantam, as it would doubtless have engag'd you in Endless disputes with the Dutch It will be highly proper to obtain the best Information you can from time to time of their conduct at Banjar and how the Natives stand affected to our Interest which you must Communicate to us and Likewise to the Honble Company.

23d. . . As it will certainly be an advantage to your Settlement to have some Wealthy Chinese reside among you We think it necessary to recommend that you give proper Encouragement to such as may be Inclin'd thereto and all the protection you are capable of affording them.

24th. . As the late Sultan of Moco Moco was firmly attach'd to the Company's Interest and Behaved well, We highly approve of his sons being appointed to succeed him You must be particularly cautious, that the misconduct of the Young Prince of Madura proves of no ill convenience to Our Honble Masters affairs, as long as Sultan Oloodean Continues at Natall we dont apprehend. He will be able to raise any Disturbances or prejudice the Company's Interest and concurr in your having made him the same allowance as was granted him during his Residence here, to prevail on him to continue on that Island; you must be careful He does not by any means get over to Sumatra, as you represent his Interest there to be considerable; and if possible persuade him to return hither, where he shall be entertain'd in the manner He was before the French took the Place.

25th. . . Your Reply, to the Letter you mention to have receed from the Dutch at Padang advising you to quit Natall We entirely approve of as well as your Intentions to represent that affair to the General and Council of Batavia by the first Opportunity You must be mindful on all Occasions to assert our Honble Masters Right to a free and Uninterupted Trade to all Places where they have no Possessions and on their making the least Encroachments send them Regular protests, and give particular advice thereof to the Honble Company.

26th. . . Altho the Malays are so naturally attach'd to that pernicious Vice Gaming; your discountenancing it as much as lays in your power will we imagine in some degree be a check to it and therefore recommend to you to admit of it no oftener thn you cant prudently avoid. We persuade Ourselves none of Our Honble Master's Servants will follow so bad an Example, and direct that you show a proper Resentment to any that may.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings and Revenues.

27th. . . We must repeat to you that you do not set about any Buildings or Considerable Repairs but when absolute necessity may render it immediately necessary.

28th. . . As our own Fortifications are carrying on, We have it not in our power to send you an Engineer to take a Survey of your Works, If you have any Person capable of it you may order it to be done and send us the Plan also of the Godown and Wharff which are represented necessary at Pootoo with a Calculate of the Expence you Judge they will amount to When We shall send you further Directions about them.

29th. . . We cannot help taken notice of the most Exorbitant Price of your Bricks and Tiles the formed at $ 8 and the Latter $ 9/ ℔ mille and that you had nevertheless contracted with some China men to supply you at that Rate, as this must Occasion your Buildings to turn out very chargeable you must Either prevail on the Undertakers to provide them at a Cheaper Rate or make use of the Usual materials for Repairs which having been so long practiced will we suppose answer the purpose as well and not prove so Expensive to our Honble Masters, We observe that the Wages allow'd to your Bricklayers are Likewise too Extravagant and must also be lessen'd.

30th. . . You acted very right in making Mr. Dunkely Refund the amount of the Bricks He had provided that prov'd Good for nothing and would always have you do the same when any of our Honble master's servants make so bad a Use of their Money.

31st. . . We must very particularly recommend to you a proper attention to the decreasing your Expences as much as lies in your Power, as the advantages arising to our Honble Masters from your Settlements are so Inconsiderable.

Sixthly of Factors, Writers, Military Officers and their Accounts.

32d. . . We observe Mr. Hurlock's having Resign'd the Honble Company's service and proceeded to England on the Onslow; Which We think he ought to have given us some information of, As Mr. Hindley has succeeded

him agreable to his Standing it meets with Our approbation as well as Mr. Combe's appointment to the Residency of Moco Moco, and your supplying the Vacancies in Council by the next in Station.

33d. . . The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased to appoint Messrs. Samuel Ardley and Willm. Norris, upon this Establishment agreable to their standing upon your List of Covenant Servants, You must acquaint them to come and take their stations here by the first Opportunity.

34th. . . Under the Head of Shipping We have specified the number of Coffrees, Arabs and Topasses now sent you and which we hope will prove very Servicable.

35th. . . We can say nothing to Mr. Dunckley's suspension which you acquaint us with on acct. of his Conduct while at Batavia and Resident of Croee till We receive a particular account of your Enquiries in this affair when We shall communicate to you our sentiments thereon.,

36. . . As We observe Mr. Hood's Behaviour was very Unbecoming you did right to put him under arrest, and if you find upon the Examination you propos'd making that he is Unworthy of being Restor'd you must let him Remain Suspended till the Honble Company's pleasure is known concerning him.

37. . . With Regard to the stoppages to be made from your Military on account Cloathing, you must conform to our practice here which you will Observe from a Military Paymaster monthly abstract Inclos'd The full pay of a Private man being ten Pence ℔ day it amounts to twenty five Shillings, twenty five shilings and ten pence ℔ month according to the different number of days in the month and of that Five shillings or Five shillings and ten pence is left monthly in the Paymaster's Hands for Cloathing which is made up annually and Given them at Christmas, and the Stoppage made before they receive the same as for Instance a Recruit that arrives here in the month of June is cloathed immediately and the stoppages made till the first of January next, are receiv'd on account of it, but he is not Cloathed again till the January following tho the stoppages are continued monthly; Wherefore your officers were right in what they told you on that Head These stoppages or Off Reckonings are drawn out of the Military Paymaster's hands by the Captains every Six months.

38. . Mr. Thomas Paget after Lingering out till the 17th. Instant, died here and has left the direction of his affairs to Capt. Burman.

39th. . . We had wrote the foregoing and were just upon the point of dispatching to you Our Honble Masters ship Delawar and the Brillant Snow when there came on a very violent storm the 31st. of October at night which drove them out of the Road with the Colchester and some country Vessels. The Colchester in few days after put into Fort St. David very much shatter'd, with the loss of all her masts and great part of her Cargo damag'd, which was almost Compleated having upwards of 1400 Bales on board but as they have been all landed and are rewashing We have hopes the most of them will be fitt to send to Europe. The Delawar We had the pleasure to learn from the Governor and Council of Negapatam a few day since was safely arriv'd at Gallee tho' Dismasted, as there is little probability of her getting here before the latter end of April, We have thought it most advisable to give Capt. Dominicous Orders to refit her there in the best manner He can and proceed to you with the stores she has on board for your Settlement. When they are landed, if there is an absolute necessity for her having a further Repair than the Capt. may have it in his power to give her at Gallee, We have directed him to carry her to Batavia to get it Compleated, and return hither with a Cargo of Timber and Plank The usual prices of which there you will Give him the best Information of, as We judge it improper to send any Treasure by the Conveyance that will carry him to Gallee for the purchase of it you must put on board him a chest of Bullion to the amount of a thousand Pounds sterling, which shall be remitted you from hence by the first good opportunity.

40th. . . As several of the articles on board this ship which were design'd for her Voyage to Madagascar may answer at your Place particularly the Long Cloth, paintings, Wine and Beer, we would have you land them & any others you think proper and dispose of them on the Honble Company's account by Publick Outcry, the remainder may be continued on board & brought back hither.

41st. . . We have yet no news of the Brillant and are anxious for her safety. The Invoices of the Sundrys on board the Delawar as well for your Settlement as Madagascar come inclos'd and Bills of Lading.

42d. . . The day before Yesterday arriv'd here the Cuddalore Sloop & Arcot Snow & We have receiv'd your Letter of the 7th. October, The sloop will be repair'd and return'd to you.

43d. . . In regard to Lieut^{t}. Hood as his Behaviour at the Board was insolent you were right in calling him to an account for it and in refusing to answer for his Conduct to suspend him, but his pay should be allow'd him during such suspension which the Company should be advis'd of—Suspension is the Utmost allow'd as he desires to lay down the Service it may be Granted, and in future Except the Crime is of a Particular nature Officers are Generally admitted to Parole but an immediate Court of Enquiry is the best method when he is Either acquitted or Suspended and so in regard to Company's Servants' in General.

44th. . . We approve of your taking the Vessell and Cargo purchas'd by M^{r}. Hunter.

45. . . We are uneasy to find the Success a ship We freighted for your Place in April is not arrived with you as soon as We can procure a Vessell we shall supply you with what We judge necessary Our Honble masters ship Bombay Castle will in a few days proceed to fill up at your Settlement but as the detaining her at this season will greatly Endanger her Passage Home, we cannot do it long Enough to send you anything.

46. . . You cannot be too carefull and Circumspect in preventing any Commotions likely to proceed from the Conduct of the Young Sultan before they are rizen to any height & We must strenuously recommend to you to have a watchful Eye on Sultan Ouledeen.

47. . . We are Equally sorry with you that there is like to be a decrease in the pepper after so much Indulgence, Expence and additional Settlements it will be a Severe disappointment to our Honble Masters, They will with the strongest Reason demand the Occasion of it and as you are certainly acquainted with the Springs from whence they arise, Expect from you that they are remov'd. The displeasure and approbation of our Honble Masters carry with them such different Effects that We are persuaded it is needless to be Elaborate on this subject.

48. . . We approve your paying off the Bonds, let it be a standing Rule always to do so.

49. . . We have discharg'd the amount of your Certificates in favour of Messrs. Combes and Turing for four thousand and three hundred 4,300 Pagodas.

50. . . Inclos'd is a Copy of Cap^{n}. Dominicus's Instructions and

We are,
Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs,
Your affect^{e}. Friend & Servants,

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
5th January 1753.

List of the packet to Fort Marlborough ℔ Delawar viz^{r}.

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2^{d}. Copy of the Company's General Letter to Fort Marlborough dated 29th. Nov^{r}. 1751 ℔ Ship Exeter.

3. Invoice of Sundrys laden on board the Delawar for Fort Marlborough.

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5th. Two first Bills Lading for Sundries Laden on board the Delawar for Fort Marlbrough.

6. First Bill Lading for Sundries—Laden on board the Delawar for Madagascar.

7. Copy of the Delawars Charter Party.

8. Copy of Cap^{t}. Dominicus's Instructions.

9. Form of a military Paymaster's monthly abstract.

Cha^{s}. Bourchier,
Secretary.

Fort S^{t}. George,
5th. January 1753.

N^{o}. 2.

To the Honble Jacob Mossell Esq .
Govern^{r}. General for all affairs
of the Honble Netherlands East India Company at Batavia.

Honble Sir,

Our Honble Companys Ship Delawar having receiv'd great damage by a very violent storm that happen'd here lately and We apprehend will find a difficulty in refitting at Point de Gale where we are advised She now is. We have directed the Commander to proceed to Batavia for that Purpose which has Induced us to trouble Your Hon^{r}. with this Address to desire you will do us the favour to grant him your countenance & assistance therein as well as to procure a Cargoe of Timber and Plank for the use of Our Honble Company at this Settlement This We shall look upon as an Obligation, and desire you will be assur'd that We are with perfect Esteem.

Honble Sir,
Your most Obed^{t}. hble serv^{ts}.
Thomas Saunders &c^{a}.

Fort S^{t}. George,
5th Janry. 1753.

N^{o}. 3.

To Casparus De Jong Esq^{r}. Commandant
&c^{a}. Council of Gallee.

Gentlemen,

Having receiv'd the favour of a Letter from the Honble Governour & Council of Negapatam acquainting us with the agreable news of Our Honble Company's Ship Delawar being safely arriv'd at your Port, We have sent Cap^{t}. Abraham Dominicus her Commander to repair her in the best manner He can and take the liberty to request you will oblige us in giving him all the assistance in your Power towards Effecting it, we have also address'd the

Govr. & Council of Negapatam desiring they would Give you the necessary directions on that head which we doubt not they will do us the favour to comply with but as those Dispatches were sent overland they may not possibly arrive with you so Early as this. We have directed Capt. Dominicus to give Bills on us for the amount of what ever necessaries you may be pleased to supply him with which shall be readily discharg'd by

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. hble servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George.
5th. January 1753.

No. 4.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

We wrote you the 12th. of last month to let us know the Condition of the Colchester's Bales what time you imagin'd it would require to rewash them, with the number you Expect to have ready of your own Investment by the End of this month, and to acquaint us as soon as possible with Capt. Manwarings ansr. in respect to his ship's proceedings to Europe. But we have yet receiv'd no reply which has surpriz'd us, the Season being advanced and We may very shortly Expect to see some of the Europe ships from Bengall to be dispatch'd home you must therefore immediately advise us of the above particulars and send us the Nabobs account which We have been some days in Expectation of.

Your Letters of the 20th. & 26 Ulto. are safely arrived with your Consultations for Novr. as the Bengall Book Packet is so Extreamly damaged, We think it proper you should dry the Books in the best manner You can & repack them let the other Packet remain as it is as you tell us it appears to be in good order. We have purchased the Sloop Dragon now lying at your Place on accot. the Honble Compy., you will therefore receive her & her stores of Mr. John Carey, who has the charge of her and after furnishing her with what she may require dispatch her to Galee with Capt. Dominicus and his mate by whom you will receive this & put her under his direction. We are,

Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
5th. January 1753.

No. 5.

To Capt. Abraham Dominicus
of Ship Delawar.

Sir,

Being advised by the Governor & Council of Negapatam that your ship has put into Galee on the Island Ceylone having lost her masts and sustain'd some other Damage, We think it highly necessary that you should be there as soon as possible you will therefore proceed immediately to Fort St. David Where the Deputy Govr. & Council will furnish you with a sloop to carry you —On your arrival you will do your utmost to get her compleatly refitted but as that may possibly not be in your Power to effect, after doing it in the best manner the place will admit of, you are to make the best of your way to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra and deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council there with the several stores We have consign'd them, as well as any part of the Madagascar Cargo they may require, When this is accomplish'd if you judge there is an absolute necessity for giving the ship any further Repair than she may be capable of receiving at Galle. We think it proper and direct that you carry her to Batavia for that purpose and use all possible dispatch in the Executing it that you may return here by the middle of July, being uncertain If we shall not have occasion to dispatch you for Europe in Septr.

We have directed the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbrough, in case of your proceeding to Batavia to put on board you a Chest of Silver to the amount of about a thousand Pounds Sterling with which you are to procure a Cargo of Timber and Plank agreable to the List herewith deliver'd you and return hither directly, We make no doubt you will be able to get Information at Fort Marlbro' of the Prices it usually bears, and rely on your purchasing it on the most reasonable Terms.

As soon as you arrive at Gallee We suppose you will have no further use for the sloop you must therefore dispatch her hither and send us a very particular account of the Condition of your Ship and her Cargo, likewise the Gunpowder and arms that were shipp'd for Madagascar but should They be more than she can take in you may forward the same by any English Vessell bound hither. We have desired the Governour & Council of Negapatam to give Orders to their agents at Gallee to assist you with what necessaries you may want for the Repairing your ship for the amount of which you may Draw Bills on us and they shall be duely discharg'd.

Dated in Fort St. George This 5th. day of January 1753.

Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

P.S.—Should the amount of the Chest of Bullion that the Gentn. at Fort Marlbro are directed to put on board you be not sufficient to purchase as much Timber & Plank as your ship may be capable of taking in, you may Draw Bills on us for what more you may require which shall be duly discharg'd, Sign'd By Order of the President & Council.

Chas. Bourchier,
Secretary.

INDENT OF TIMBER AND PLANK TO BE PURCHAS'D AT BATAVIA FOR THE HONBLE COMPANY'S USE AT FORT ST. GEORGE THEIR DIMENSIONS AS FOLLOWS VIZT.

TIMBER	22 Inches square	15 to 20 feet Long		30
	15 Do.	20 to 30 do.		100
	12 Do.	20 to 35 do.		150
	9 Do.	20 to 22 do.		300
	6 Do.	18 to 20 do.		400
	4 Do.	18 to 20 do.		600
PLANK	2¼ Inches Thick	14 to 16 Inches brod.	20 feet Long ..	200
	3¼	do.	..	200
	4¼	do.	..	200
	5¼	do.	..	100
SHEATHING	Ditto 1 Inch	12 Inches		2000
	¾ Do.	do.		3000

Should the ship be incapable of taking in the whole it must be observ'd, to procure a proper proportion of Each article.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5TH JANUARY 1753.

No. 6.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 3d. & 7th. Instant.

We have perus'd Capt. Mainwaring's Letter but don't find He alledges any particular Reasons why the Colchester cannot be repair'd where she now is, & are at a loss to guess on what He founds his opinion, Having had all the assistance from hence & you that He said was necessary for Remasting and Refitting her in Every other Respect and We imagine may without much difficulty be supplied with any thing further that He may require for that Purpose. We have not heard the ship receiv'd any Extraordinary Damage to her Hull, and Capt. Mainwaring mention'd to the President she made only 4 Inches of Water in 24 Hours, if that proceeds from the Leak which He apprehended was occasion'd by the anchors being carried away by the Foremast We think it may be Easily found out or any others since you are provided with Divers, you must therefore require of him to acquaint you in a very particular manner what Inducements he has to believe his ship cannot be repair'd where she now is so as to proceed with safety to Europe and send us a Copy of his answer, as his going Home is of great consequence to the Company.

Your Warehousekeepers Indent for Broad Cloth &ca. is very large nor can we comply with it Except such part as you want for the uses of your Garrison which you will advise us of having lately sold all here at outcry But a small quantity for the Service of the Place.

We shall send you some Flints and small arms by the first Opportunity and directions Concening the Stores that have been Expended but not brought to account.

Your Bill in favor of Mr. Drake payable to Mr. Powney will be discharg'd and We shall by Bills or any Convenient Opportunity soon send you a supply of cash.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affect. Friends & Servts
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12TH. JANY. 1753.

No. 7.

To Mr. Foss Westcott
Resid^{t}. at Ingeram.

Sir,

By Order of the President and Council I am to acquaint you they have appointed Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of Deve Cotah, and would therefore have him take the first opportunity of coming that He may proceed to that station.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obed^{t}. Servant
Chas. Bourchier,
Secry.

Fort St. George,
19th. Janry. 1753.

No. 8.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &c^{a}.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Since Writing you under date the 12 Inst. your Letters of the 15th. & 21st. are safely come to hand.

As we observe from Capt. Mainwaring's Letter and the Report of the Survey made on the Colchester that there is no prospect of her being capable of Going to Europe this season Give the Capt. Orders to put her in readiness for Sailing and dispatch her to us.

The Arcot Snow having parted her Cable as She lay at Covelon and being driven to Leeward We have Order'd the Capt. to go to your Place, you must therefore land the Cannon and stores she has on board with all Expedition and send her to Deve Cotah for a Loading of Piles which We are in the Greatest want of for Our Fortifications & return her To us.

We have perus'd the Petitions you Inclos'd us of Vencatachelum and Meier Munsoor, the first being a matter of so long standing and so many Opportunitys must have offer'd of making earlier application that We imagine there must have been some other particular Reason than what is alledg'd for its not being done in a proper manner Sooner, We can therefore say nothing to it, and as to the other you may let Meier Munsoor know that when We pay for the other Horses of the Troop that were by accident render'd unserviceable or kill'd, We shall Consider him.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affect. Friends & servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
25th. Janry. 1753.

No. 9.

To Mr. John Pybus
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir,

Having Directed the Deputy Govern^r. & Council of Fort S^t. David to send the Honble Company's Snow the Arcot to your Settlement for a Loadg. of Piles you must Order them to be got ready for her against her arrival and Cut as many more as will amount in the whole to a hundred thousand and forward them by all Conveyances that offer, We are.

Sir,
Your affect^t. Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Cha^s. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort S^t. George,
25^th. Janry. 1753.

No. 10.

To Cap^t. Joseph Bond
of the Arcot Snow.

Sir,

Lieut^t. Smith has sent us your Letter to him wherein you acquaint him of your being at Sadrass as We think it improper for you to continue there & it may probably be attended with much Difficulty to come hither you must therefore make the best of your way to Fort St. David & follow such orders as you may receive from the Deputy Gov^r. & Council there for your further proceedings; We would have you pass Pondicherry in the night & for that Reason imagine it would be best to leave Sadrass about noon, You must be careful not to overshoot Fort S^t. David, Dated in Fort S^t. George, this 25 Day of Jañry. 1753.

Tho^s. Saunders.
Cha^s. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 11.

To Richard Starke Esq^r. Deputy Gov^r.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen,

We wrote you the 15^th. Instant and have since received Your Letters of the 22^d. & 25 Instant We shall discharge your Bill in favour of M^r. Drake when tender'd to us for payment.

Such of the Stores you represent Major Lawrence to be in immediate want of, as We are capable of supplyg. you with We have laden on board our Honble Masters Sloop Fortune whom we now dispatch to you and as soon as they are landed you must return her to us.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affectt. Friends &
Servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30TH. JANRY. 1753.

No. 12.

TO CAPTN. NATHANL. HAMMOND
OF SLOOP FORTUNE.

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are [to] deliver the accompanying Letter to the Deputy Govr. & Council and follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George, this 30th day Janry. 1753.

THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 13.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

Inclos'd is a Letter that was intended to be sent you by the Arcot Snow but she has since return'd to Covelon again & as the Winds has shifted so much in her favour will instead of proceeding to you with the stores come hither as son as she has taken on board all that remain.

We learn from Bengal that the Gentlemen there Intend sending Us two ships half Loaded and one Entirely Empty to be Dispatched for Europe and that the two first will be the Earliest here, as the Season Grows late and by the time the last arrives We think there is great reason to apprehend the Southerly Wind will be sett in pretty strong which may render her Passage to you very tedious, We have determin'd to dispatch the other two to you to fill up which you will prepair [*sic*] for immediately being in hourly Expectation of seeing the Admiral Vernon as she sail'd with the two Country ships that arriv'd yesterday & her detention here will be very short you must make us just a Calculation as you can what number of Bales you imagine they will require and send us the remainder upon the Colchester.

Inclos'd is an acct. of the Balance of our last years General Books as Our accompt. Informs us you are in want of it to draw out your Quick stock by.

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 22d. & 25 ulto. & shall discharge the Bill you have drawn on us in favour of Mr. Drake & will send you a large supply of cash by the first Good sea conveyance that offers.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affectne. Friends &
servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
5TH. FEBRY. 1753.

No. 14.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.

&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

We have duely receiv'd your Letter of the 4th. Instant and with it your Consultations and monthly Papers.

This comes by our Honble Master's ship Admiral Vernon on whom we send you a supply of two hundred thousand 200,000 Rupees as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd which We hope will answer all your Occasions for some time.

We send you herewith Copy of this ships Charter party, on comparing it with the Inclos'd Calculate of her Bengal Tonnage you will find there remains two hundred and four Tonns & half Tons 204½ to be supplied in Bales at your Place.

When she is loaded you must take care to send on board proper Persons on Board to see that her Complement of men, and Warlike stores are agreable to Charter party, & the Lists sign'd by such persons must go in your Packet. We are advis'd by Mr. Sumner who dispatch'd the ship to us from Ingellee that she is deficient nine Guns of her Complement & that he had protested against the Capt. for the same If you find anything Else wanting you must be mindfull to do the like.

You must also demand of the Capt. an attested account upon Oath of the particulars and value of all the Goods shipp'd on board as his Homeward bound Adventure and transmit the same to Europe, You are also to see that it is conformable to the Company's Indulgence to their Commanders, a printed Copy of which We here Inclose for your present and future guide.

When you begin to send Bales on board you must Give the Capt. a Caution against fire & keeping the Boats long on board with Bales in them; a copy of such Caution we send for your direction.

Our Honble masters are pleas'd to permit their Commanders to pay in to their Cash all or any part of the Produce of their Outward bound adventure and to direct that Certificates be Granted them for the amount on their Severally making Oath that the money so paid in is part of their Priviledge and the Proffits thereon and that they neither have taken up nor will take up other money in India to trade with in the room of it, should Capt. Cooke therefore offer to pay any money into your cash on such account you will observe the foregoing directions Inclos'd is the Form of the Certificates We grant here.

Advise us as early as you can when this ship will be ready to sail that we may prepare and send you her Dispatches.

As you have omitted to send us the Estimate of the Repairs wanting at the Company's Factory at Porto Novo We can give you no directions about it, till we receive the same.

We shall send you a supply of Lead by the next Conveyance that offers, and what Broad Cloth We can spare, We have but very little left, the most of it being sold at Outcry.

We approve of your sending the Prisoners you mention by the Mary, & shall discharge your Bill on us payable to Capt. Gardiner for Rupees four thousand (4,000).

Capt. Cooke has promised us some Gunpowder but could not tell us how much you will therefore ask him for it.

When you Dispatch the Colchester send us the Coffrees that were on board her.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11TH. FEBRY. 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. DAVID ℔ SHIP ADML. VERNON.

No. 1 General Letter to the Deputy Govr. &ca. dated 11th. Febry. 1753.
2 Invoice Rupees laden on the Adml. Vernon.
3 First Bill of Lading for ditto.
4 Copy of the Admiral Vernon's Charter party.
5 Account Tonnage shipp'd on bd. the Adml. Vernon by the Presidt. & Council of Fort William.
6th. Copy of the Compy's Indulgence.
7 Copy of the Caution to the Commanders against Fire &ca.
8 Copy of a certificate Granted for many [*sic*] pd. into the Company's Cash by the Commanders on accot. their Priviledge.

CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11 FEBRY. 1753.

No. 15.

TO CAPT. EDMUND COOKE
OF SHIP ADML. VERNON.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to repair on bd. your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David On your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr. & Council and follow such directions as they shall give you for the Loading of your ship or any other matters till you receive Our Orders for proceeding to Europe We wish you well down and date this in Fort St. George this 11th. day of February 1753.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

N°. 16.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governr. &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

By a Pattamar from Tellecherry the 30th. Ultimo we were favoured with your Honour &cas. Letter of the 17th. December, and return you many thanks for the news you therein Communicated to us regarding the Situation of affairs in the Country. Nothing of any Consequence has lately Occurr'd here. Our Forces are now in the Field as are the Enemys who avoid coming to an Engagement from whence we conclude they wait for a Reinforcement. Could your Honour &ca. spare us any assistance from your Garrison it would be of infinite Service to us, which as you seem to be now peaceably settled We are inclin'd to hope it may be done without much Inconvenience and by the first Opportunities that Offer when We flatter Ourselves We shall also receive the Gunpowder you have promis'd to send us, as We have Experienced that Little dependence is to be put in Topasses We must desire if you supply us that We may have none of them and as few Foreigners as possible.

Mr. Palk has desir'd us to acquaint your Honor &ca. that as there is a Vacancy for him here it is his Choice to continue amongst us.

The 7th. Instant the Admiral Vernon arriv'd here from Bengal and sail'd this day for Fort St. David to compleat her Loading for Europe, the Chesterfield & Godolphin are both coming up & will likewise [be] dispatch'd Home from this Place & St. David as the Colchester is incapable of proceeding till her Bottom is repair'd, The Wager is gone for Europe from the Bay & the Oxford was to follow her the Bombay Castle is to go to Bencoolen to take in the Surplus of Pepper and the Hector and Durrington to proceed to your place.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt.
servants,
Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
12th. Febry. 1753.

N°. 17.

To Brabazon Ellis Esqr.
Chief of Bussorah.

Sir,

We take the opportunity of the ship Brill bound to your Port to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour of the 3d. July last and to forward you a Packet for the Honourable Court of Directors which being of some Consequence We must desire your care in forwarding it in the most secure and Expeditious manner possible, We are

Sir,
Your most hble servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
12 Febry. 1753.

No°. 18.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq^r^.
President & Govern^r^. &c^a^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The Admiral Vernon arrived here the 7^th^. Instant and brought us your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Letter of the 14 with one from M^r^. Sumner at Ingellee dated the 18^th^. Ult°. We have dispatch'd her to Fort S^t^. David to compleat her Loading as We shall the Chesterfield as soon as she arrives & propose Sending Home the Godolphin directly from hence.

We are concerned at the occasion that Induc'd your Hono^r^. &c^a^. to send hither the Swiss who will not have it so much in their Power to do so here and be very useful to us, We wish there number was Greater.

Inclos'd is a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors which We hope will arrive with you in time to be forwarded by some of the Ships Homeward bound from your Port, this Season, and must desire your Hono^r^. &c^a^. care of it.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. serv^ts^.
Tho^s^. Saunders.
Cha^s^. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort S^t^. George,
12^th^. Febry, 1753.

No°. 19.

To George Pigot Esq^r^. Chief
&c^a^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

The Vizagapatam Snow returning to you gives us the Opportunity of acknowledgeing the Receipt of your Several Letters of the 14^th^. Nov^r^ 7 & 9^th^. Ultimo with the Books and Papers accompanying them.

The Bales have been all landed in good order which We were concern'd to find no more than a hundred and fifty, but as the Cloth turns out very well and you tell us you rejected a large Quantity on account of the badness of the manufacture otherwise your number of Bales would have been much Greater; We must allow We think you have taken a right method to keep up to a good sortment which We cannot sufficiently recommend to you to be very attentive to, We have by this Conveyance sent you Fifty thousand (50,000) Rupees for your Expences and carrying on the Investment as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed, of which you must be very frugal as We don't know how long it may be before We shall have it in our Power to Supply you again.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affectionate Friends
Tho^s^. Saunders &c^a^. Council.

Fort S^t^. George,
13^th^. Febry. 1753.

N°. 20.

To Mr. Foss Westcott
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir,

We have now to reply to your several Letters of the 6th. & 28 December 11th. 12th. & 14th. Ultimo, The papers therein mention'd and plan of Nellipillee &c^{t}. Towns are come to hand.

The Bales by the George Sloop & Charles Schooner have been receiv'd according to Invoice, Some by the first Vessell prov'd a good deal damag'd. They have been sent to the Wash and when return'd such part of Them as is found to be not so, will to be taken in—We are sorry to observe to you that upon Resorting your cloth here, The Ordinary in General has prov'd so extreamly bad that We have been Oblig'd to turn out a considerable Part & put most of the rest to the lowest numbers, which has been not only a Disappointment to us in regard to yourself but likewise in the Vizagapatam Investment and has so much affected it, that We have receiv'd only One hundred & fifty Bales from thence, the Gentlemen there acquainting us, that what more had been brought in by their Merchants though a large Quantity was so excessively bad and under measure they could not take it in. This must be greatly displeasing to Our Honble masters and We shall however disagreable to us be under a necessity of taking further notice of it if your attention is not more engaged in the improving the manufacture and keeping to a Good sortment and the proper Lengths & Breadths—Your fine cloth We must do you the Justice to say is very good & We hope you will in future take Care that the Ordinary Equals it.

We are
Sir
Your affect^{e}. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.

Fort St. George,
13th. Febry. 1753.

N°. 21.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Madapollam.

Sir,

Your Letters of the 1st. December 7th. & 20th. Ult°. are duely arriv'd with your Bales by the Vizagapatam Snow.

We shall by the next Opportunity send you a Bale of Blue Perpetuanoes as you desire, We have no Green Left.

We are
Sir,
Your affect^{e}. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.

Fort St. George.
13th. Febry. 1753.

No: 22.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.

&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

We have receivd your Letter of the 10th. and are glad to observe your readiness to give the Admiral Vernon quick Dispatch. By the Shirly arriv'd to day from Bengal We are advis'd the Bombay Castle and Godolphin may be dailey Expected here but it was uncertain when the Chesterfield would come away from whence We have the greatest Reason to apprehend it will be very late before We shall see her and as proceeding to your Place may prolong her stay on the coast the southerly Winds being already Sett in, We think the Only means to hasten her Dispatch will be to send her Home directly from hence We would therefore have you forward to us by the Colchester all the Bales you may have more than sufficient for Compleating the Admiral Vernons loading which However you must not let be any hindrance to.

Our Warehousekeeper tells us that what Capt. Mainwaring alledges in regard to the Bale wanting is a mistake & that the Colchester had actually on board 1545 & that during the time she was taking in her Loading three Bales were return'd as damaged & duely taken notice of he must therefore account for it, We had no advice from the Bengal Gentlemen by that ship that they put on bd. her any St. Helena Tonnage, as Captt. Mainwaring represents they did you must transport it to the Admiral Vernon (if she has none already on board) & ask him for the Bengal Letter to that settlement you will open the same and after comparing what Capt. Mainwaring says he has on bd. with the Invoice & Bill of Lading put it Under cover to the Deputy Govr. & Council there & acquaint them with what you have done. The Bengal packets for Europe you must likewise forward by the Admiral Vernon.

The Lead and what Small Arms We can possibly spare shall be sent you by the first Opportunity.

We have call'd upon Mr. Clive Steward to account for the Several articles deliver'd him as mention'd in your List of Sundries not yet properly brought to account, But remaining upon memorandum. The Pease, Wheat, Tamarind & Tobacco from his representation of their bad condition when he receiv'd the charge of them & their being of a perishable nature We have permitted to be wrote off of the salt meat He tells us a large Quantity was sent with the Bombay Detachment under Commd. of Capt. Andrews which should be carried to the Head of Charges Extraordinary & that the remr. is now at your Place but so bad as not to be fitt for any use, if so after being properly survey'd you will sell it for the most it will fetch at Outcry. The copper our Storekeeper Informs us He imagines to be one standing near your storehouse but should it be otherwise as Capt. Clive will be with you in a day or two you must require him to make it Good.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your affect. Friends & Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George
17th. Febry. 1753.

P.S. Should the Colchester be sail'd before this reaches you send up the Bales by any other Conveyance that may offer.

No. 23.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By the Charles Schooner We now send you Two Box Packets for our Honble Masters mark'd A and B to go by the Admiral Vernon on receipt of which you will without delay give them in Charge to Capt. Cooke and take his three receipts for the same one of which you will forward by the same ship under cover to Mr. Secretary James and transmit us the other two.

Enclos'd is the Admiral Vernons Dispatch which we hope will find the ship in readiness to sail, deliver it immediately with your Packet for England to Captain Cooke whom we wish a safe and speedy voyage and are,

Gentlemen,

Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

P.S. As the Winds are set in so strong Southerly It's possible the Godolphin may first call on you if so you will order ashore Capt. Pollier with his Swiss Company, inclos'd is Bill of Lading for some arms we have sent you on this Schooner.

No. 24.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

This by Order of the Presit. & Council serves for Cover to Invoice & Bill of Lading for some Military stores now sent you on the Orange Tree Sloop, Likewise Invoice of some arms & Cartridge Paper, forwarded to you last night by the Charles Schooner, the Bill of Lading went with the Vessell.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
Chas. Bourchier,
Secretary.

Fort St. George,
22d. Febry. 1753.

No. 25.

To The Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have receed the favour of Your Honr. &ca. letter of the 17th. Ulto. and are much oblig'd for your Intentions in regard to Our Honble Masters ship Delawar which not being Intended for Europe but Loaded with Stores for Fort

Marlbro We have directed Capt. Dominicus after refitting her in the best manner He can to proceed there & from thence to Batavia should she require any further Repair than it is in his power to give her at Galle, from whence He will return directly here.

By the Inclos'd Duplicate of Our las[t] Letter to your Honr. &ca. Council under date the 12th. Instant you will observe the Disposition of Our Honble Masters shipping on this side. The Admiral Vernon will leave the Coast in few days, as yet none of the other ships are arriv'd from the Bay.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
23d. Febry 1753.

No. 26.

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr. Chief
&ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen,

The day before Yesterday We were favoured with your Letter of the 22d. Ulto.

The Delawar (which the Honble President and Council of Bombay acquaint us they had Order'd to proceed to your Place to be Loaded for Europe, on receiving advice of her being at Gallee in a Distress'd Condition and apprehends. she would find it impracticable to get hither at this Season) was Loaded with Stores for Fort Marlbro and We have therefore directed Capt. Dominicus to repair there as soon as he has refitted her in the best manner he can.

By advices from Bengall We learn the Wager had been Dispatch'd for Europe directly from thence as would be the Oxford. The Hector and Durrington were design'd for Surat the Bombay Castle to come hither & proceed to Bencoolen and the Admiral Vernon, Chesterfield & Godolphin intended here. The Admiral Vernon accordingly arrived here the 7th. Instant & is compleating her Loading for Europe at St. David from whence she will be dispatch'd in few days but the Others are not yet come in which will occasion their Departure from the Coast to be very late the Colchester is reported to be incapable of proceeding to Europe till her Bottom is Examin'd & will be tain'd [*sic*] in the Country.

Inclos'd is a Letter for the Honble President & Council of Bombay which We must request your Care in forwarding by the first opportunity and are

Gentlemen,
Tho. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
23d. Febry 1753.

No. 27.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

The President acquainting us he has been advisd by the Deputy Govr. that the Admiral Vernon had taken in 1074 Bales to compleat her Tonnage and that you should send us only five or six hundred by the Colchester as by your

Letter of the 10th. Instant you tell us you should have 1900 Bales ready by the End of the month We think it necessary to direct that you detain the Colchester a day or two to send us up all that you can possibly get ready otherwise We apprehend We shall be distress'd to fill up the other two ships.

The 22d. in the morning sail'd the Charles Schooner for your Place with the Admll. Vernon's Packet & Dispatches.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affectie. Friends &
Servts.

THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COUNL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
25TH. FEBRY 1753.

No. 28.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

This by Order of the Honble President & Council is to acquaint you that havng. only a bare sufficiency of Wax cloth for the Bales provided here. They cant possibly supply you with any from hence neveatheless would have you send up all the Cloth you have on hand by the Colchester.

I am,
GENTLEMEN,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secretary.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2D. MARCH 1753.

No. 29.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

We are now to reply to your several Letters lately receiv'd of the 6th. 14th. 16th. 20th. 26th. 28th. Febry. & 1st. Instant.

We are glad to find the Schooner was arrivd with the Packet and that the Admiral Vernon was sail'd for Europe; Your Resolution of sending her to meet the Packet had it not come in as it did was a Circumstance We should not have omitted to have Given you directions about in such a situation had it not been absolutely necessary for the Deputy Govr. to sign some of the Papers the Schooner carried to be sent by the Admiral Vernon which had she left you in consequence of that Resolution must have been prevented or the ship retarded some days by working up to you again, Wherefore in cases of this nature in future We must desire you will always wait our orders.

As We shall want some Gunpowder here soon, Send us an account what Quantity you have in Store, how much is made monthly and what is the Expence of it, which you will be careful to forward by a Sea Conveyance as it may be of ill Consequence should it fall into the Enemy's Hands.

The sloops Fortune & Marianne are both arriv'd here, dont forget to send us all the Piles you can as Conveyances offer.

After sending you so plentifull a supply of cash by the Admiral Vernon, We must own your Letter of the 26th. startled us, by telling us you were in want of more. Such Extraordinary Demands will soon Exhaust our stock remaining & as it may be some months before We have any from Europe We shall be at a loss how to reimburse ourselves. We shall However by a sea conveyance in a day or two furnish you with a further Remittance & as the army must be supply'd you must do the best you are able to comply with Major Lawrances Requests to you on that Head whenever He may make Them & Your several Bills on us shall be duely discharg'd.

The Godolphin & Bombay Castle are both arrivd with us from Bengal & will be dispatchd as soon as possible the former for Bencoolen & Europe & the latter directly home. Send us therefore the Colchester with your Bales immediately & as We imagine the Chesterfield will be able to take in rather more than We shall have here, continue to forward us all the cloth you have on hand, as you find Conveyances.

Mr. Clive intending to proceed for Europe Directly from hence, advise us whether the Copper said to be deficient in the acco^{t}. you sent us, as the one We mention'd in our Letter of the 17th. Ulto. that, that matter may be adjusted with him here.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affectie. Friends & Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith

Fort St. George
6th. March 1753.

No. 30.

To Capt. Stephen Holloway Bunyon
of the Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir,

You are hereby Order'd to repair on bd. your Vessell and proceed to Vizagapatam & on your arrival there to follow all such orders as you shall receive from Mr. George Pigot for your future Proceedings Dated In Fort St. George this 11th. day of March 1753.

Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 31.

To The Honble Librieght Hooreman Esqr.
President on the Coast of Choromandel
& Governour of Negapatam &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We are to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour of the 25th. Ulto. and are very much concern'd that you should have occasion to write to us on an affair that We cannot but highly disapprove We have yet receivd no other notice of it Than what is contain'd in your Honr. &ca's. Letter, Nevertheless shall make a very particular Enquiry into it, and desire you will be assur'd that We shall

take proper measures to prevent anything of the Like nature happening in future, and shall Esteem it great satisfaction to have any Opportunity of Convincing your Honr. &ca. of our Great Regard for the alliance subsisting between our two Nations, as well as that We remain with much Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble Servts.
Thomas Saunders &ca.

Fort St. George
13th. March 1753.

No. 32.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

Our last was dated the 13th. Febry. by the Vizagapatam Snow, We have since receivd your Letter of the 1st. ℔ Saunders, Her Bales have been all duely Landed in Good Order, as conveyances offer. We shall comply with your Several Indents as far as We have it in our Power.

We have receiv'd a Letter from the Govr. and Council at Negapatam making complaint that a Deserter from your Garrison who had taken protection at their Factory at Bimblipatam was forcibly seiz'd by a Party of your Peons standing the Remonstrances made against it by their servants there, and that some vessells belonging to them had been Search'd & detain'd Several Days by your Directions, We are concern'd that you should give them Occasion to send us such an address, and imagine in Cases of that nature a friendly correspondence between the two chiefs might prove more Effectual than Forcible measures which as We are desirous of maintaining the same Good Harmony with the Dutch as has hitherto subsisted, We must caution you not to make use of any more towards them.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affectie. Friends
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council

No. 33.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentn.

Since Writing you under date the 6th. Instant your several Letters of the 3d. 5th. 7th. 10th. 11th. & 12th. Instant are come to hand.

This you will receive by Our Honble Masters ships Godolphin and Prince George with a Reinforcement of Military for the Camp as ℔ the Inclos'd Returns, on their arrival you will immediately acquaint Major Lawrence, and take his advice in sending them to him.

We now send you also Twelve Chests Rupees containing One hundred thousand, some Lead & medicines as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd, The low state of our Cash obliges us to recommend to you to be very frugal of this Supply, as it is uncertain how long it may be Ere We receive any from Europe.

The Colchester arriv'd with us the 13th. Instant and are now Shifting her Bales We shall account with Capt. Mainwaring for the One that was missing of those put on board her here.

As soon as you have landed the Military &ca. from the Godolphin & Prince George you must return them to us directly.

If you have any Camp Kettles in Store send us up twenty by the Return of these Ships.

We have by the Prince George sent you 2 Blackwood Settees & Six Elbow Chairs belonging to a Set at the Garden House made by Mr. Floyer's Order at Bombay, but not having been paid for you will account with Mr. Westcott's attorneys for their cost on their application to you for the same.

By this Conveyance goes Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson Writer To your assistance in the room of Mr. John Smith deceased his monthly allowances have been paid him to the 1st. of this month & his sallary to the 25th. September last.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
20 March 1753.

No. 34.

To Capt. Wm. Hutchinson
of Ship Godolphin.

Sir,

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr. & Council there and follow their directions for your further proceedings.

A Detachment of the Company's military having been lately stopp'd in Pondicherry Road & forcibly detained there as prisoners by Mr. Dupleix in Case any such attempt should be made on you, Use what means you can to prevent it, Dated in Fort St. George this 20th. day of March 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 35.

To Capt. Edward Burman Commandr.
of The Honble Company's Ship
Prince George.

Sir,

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are [to] deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr. and council there and follow their Directions for your further proceedings.

A Detachment of the Company's military having been lately stopp'd in Pondicherry Road and forcibly detained there as prisoners by Mr. Dupleix, in case any such attempt should be made on you, use what means you can to prevent it, Dated in Fort St. George this 20th. day of March 1753.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Counl.

No. 36.

To the Worshll. Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort Marlbro.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs,

The Success Galley being bound to your Port Gives us the Opportunity of inclosing you a Duplicate of our last Letter dated the 5th. Janry. by the Delawar who was to proceed to you from Galee and We hope has safely arriv'd, It will be very satisfactory to us to hear the Success and Brillant Snow have done the same for We have yet no news of them.

On this ship Mr. Thomas Combes returns to his station on your Establishment, Mr. Rail Supra Cargo of her has Enter'd into an Engagement with us to deliver you 1400 Bags Rice of which we herewith send you a muster seal'd, you are to receive the same by Weight at 92561/2 Pounds ℔ Garse for which you are to pay him sixty five Pagodas the Exchange is to be reckon'd after the rate of seventeen & a Quarter (171/4) Dollars for ten (10) Pagodas you may Receive as farr as the amount of this supply into your cash as well as of what you may have advanc'd Capt. Dominicus on account of his voyage to Batavia agreable to our Directions and Grant certificates on us for the same but not for any further sums unless you are necessitated so to do.

We shall very shortly Dispatch to you the Godolphin instead of the Bombay Castle as before advis'd you about Two hundred Tons short of her Tonnage to be fill'd up by You with Pepper, which we give you this notice off that you may be prepared to put the same on board her without loss of time and Dispatch her to Europe.

The Prince George a new ship of about 300 Tons which We have purchas'd on Our Honble Masters account for supplying your Settlement with the usual stores will soon be Dispatch'd to you with some Rice, Salt & other necessaries.

Your Arab Serjeant Hedjee Amot returns to you on this ship with Recruits as ℔ the Inclos'd return, They have receiv'd their pay to the End of this month and Six month's, advance besides for the charges of their Diet &ca. on the Passage you will pay the Commander the Customary allowance; We have had a Petition from the Serjeant representing that One Dollar ℔ month is stopp'd for Rice & another for Ghee & praying that it may be no longer continued which We have comply'd with & you will therefore Give him his full pay

Mr. Combes has not receiv'd any salary or allowance here.

We are,
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
26th. March 1753.

No. 37.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governr. &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We take this Opportunity of the London Sloop bound to your Place to acknowledge the Receipt of your Honr. &ca. Several Favours of the 18th. & 29th. Janry & 11th. Ultimo: the Letters from Messrs. Kelsall, Scrafton, and Amyat at Ingellee are also duely come to hand.

We have now the pleasure to acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. with the safe arrival here of the Bombay Castle, Godolphin & Chesterfield. The season being so farr advanc'd & the Godolphin having not only a Whole Cargo to take in but also one to deliver here, which would make it Extreamly late before she could possibly be dispatch'd from hence, We have appointed her instead of the Bombay Castle to proceed to the West Coast to fill up and shall send her there immediately on her return from S^t. David Where there was an absolute necessity for her going with some Military. The Admiral Vernon, Bombay Castle & Chesterfield have all left us for England, the first sail'd from Fort S^t. David the 1^st. Ultimo and the two last from hence one the 23^d. & the other the 25^th.

The late arrival here of these ships especially the three last, after the Expiration of the Term limited by Charter party for dispatching them to England whereby the Honble Company have incurr'd the charge of four months Demorage over & above what was become due to the time they should have been dispatch'd/Gives us much Reason to apprehend They will meet with Great difficulty in gaining their passage and should they unluckily not Succeed in it will be a very Severe stroke to Our Honble Masters more particularly as they were disappointed in their September Ship from hence which We must likewise remark did not get here till the 13^th. October. We are therefore Induced to request of your Hon^r. &c^a. that what ship may be intended us at this season to proceed to Europe may be dispatched so as to arrive here by the 1^st. of Janry or the 10^th. at furthest & should it be necessary to send two, that the first may not wait for the other but come away as soon as the Weather will permit as her Early departure from hence with our advices may be of the utmost Consequence to the Honble Company's affairs.

In the Lists of Tonnage ℔ Bombay Castle & Chesterfield, We took notice of a much larger Quantity of Saltpetre being on board Each than their Charter party Tonnage But having no advice from your Hon^r. &c^a. on what Conditions you had shipp'd the same, and the Commanders not being positive whether it was on half freight or not We would not take upon us to alter it but computed it as part of their Whole Tonnage as specified in your said Lists concludg. you have made mention of it to the Honble Company as it was omitted in your Letters to us. We were also in some doubt in regard to the Tonnage for S^t. Helena as well by the Admiral Vernon as these ships till upon enquiry of Cap^t. Cooke He said he had receiv'd it from your Hon^r. &c^a. as did also Cap^t. Carter but Cap^t. Brown told us He was uncertain whether He had any on board or not, We must therefore take the liberty to request your Hon^r. &c^a. will be more particular in these cases, as We may otherwise Ignorantly fall into some Errors.

The Packing stuff, Baftaes &c^a. have been all duely receiv'd and ninety Eight Chests of Gun Powder by the Chesterfield for which supply we are oblig'd to your Hon^r. &c^a. and must further desire you will procure as much more for us as you can possibly to be sent up in Septem^r. neither Invoice or Bill of Lading for the Powder being forwarded to us We were uncertain if it was the Exact Quantity till Cap^t. Carter produc'd to us M^r. Drake's Letter to him to receive it on board in which We found no more was mention'd, To enable us to give your Presidency proper Credit for the amount you will please to transmit us the Inv^e. by the first Opportunity.

We are requested by M^r. Hunter who is sent out by the Honble Company on a particular Expedition to forward the Inclos'd List to your Hon^r. &c^a. and to desire your Compliance in Supplying him with the Severals therein Contain'd as We have already assisted him all that lies in our power and that you will please to forward them by a Sloop to the Negraies.

We are sorry the copy you sent us of the Letter from the Presid^t. & Council of Bombay in relation to the King of Persia's ship under the care of Mahmed Beg Shamloo, ariv'd here to [*sic*] late to have the desir'd Effect, she was offer'd to sale at Vizagapatam, and purchas'd by Mr. Pigot who could have no reason to suspect any sinister design, had the Gentlemen at Bombay advis'd us as

Early as they did you, it might have been in our power to have prevented this, which however, as it cannot now be remedied, We hope will not be attended with any bad Consequences.

We shall by such coneyances as offer forward your Hon^r. &c^a. the quantity of Redwood you have Indented for the Ensuing Season as we have upwards of five thousand Baggs of salt petre on hand We shall have no occasion to trouble your Hon^r. &c^a. To supply us with any more this year.

We were a little surpriz'd to find no arms of any kind were sent us with the Detachment of Swiss by the Godolphin, as your Hon^r. &c^a. must have been sensible how Great our Distress was for them by our detaining Several that were consign'd to you by the shipping last Season; and must desire you will spare us as many as you can possibly by the first opportunity—We are

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Hen^y. Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George
2^d. April 1753.

No. 38.

To Stephen Vermont Esq^r.
Chief &c^a. Council of Pullicat.

Gentlemen,

The Honble Libreight Hooreman Esq^r. Governour &c^a. Council of Negapatam having desir'd that the sum of One thousand and Seventy five Rix Dollars being the amount of Sundry Disbursements made on the Honble Company's ship Delawar at Gale may be remitted you as We are unacquainted whether it will be most agreable to you to receive it in Silver or Rupees and at what Exchange We are to request you will be pleas'd to let us know by the Return of the Bearer.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Hen^y. Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George
6^th. April 1753.

No. 39.

To the Right Honble Jacob Mossell Esq^r.
Governour General for all Affairs of
the Honble Netherlands East India
Company at Batavia.

Right Honble Sir,

The application that has been made to us by the Owners of an English Sloop nam'd the Surprize belonging to our Servants on the West Coast of Sumatra unlawfully seiz'd by your agents at Padang Obliges us to trouble your

Excellency with this address, upon the agreable advices We lately receiv'd from the Directors of Our Honble Company of the readiness shewn by those of your Company to redress the Grievances complained of in regard to the two proes. We flatter'd Ourselves with hopes that We should have had no further Reason for applying to your Excellency on a subject of this nature and it is with concern We find the Contrary. Actions so unjust and contrary to the Laws of all nations in amity with Each other Cannot fail of destroying that good Harmony that ought to subsist between Them and so often repeated will inevitably be productive in the End of very pernicious consequences. The Representations that have been made to your Excellency by the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro, in regard to this Sloop must have sufficiently Explain'd the Case to you and We observe by a Deposition of the master that your Excellency had made an offer to him of returning her But as this was sometime after this act of violence was committed and both vessell's and cargo very considerably Damaged & otherwise destroy'd & was told no manner of allowances would be made him on that Head, He acted very right in not accepting them on such Terms the Condition she was in when seized upon with her Cargo your People are certainly answerable for; and as We have the Greatest Reason to believe from the Information We have recēd that they are by this time almost Destroy'd. We must in behalf of the proprietors of the said sloop Surprize and her cargo insist upon a suitable Reperation being made them (and therefore We have Inclos'd the Invoice of her Cargo with a Letter & Deposition regarding her) for the Losses they have sustain'd and that the authers of this manifest violation of Treaties be Properly Punished.

As we have been Inform'd that the Regency of Batavia have been Enjoin'd by your Honble Company to make immediate Restitution of the two Proes & their Cargoes Piratically seiz'd at Sinkell; We cannot avoid requiring of your Excllency that the same may be no longer delay'd and as We are well assur'd from the Generous and Friendly Behaviour of their High mightiness the States General of the Honble Directors of your Company in Regard to the Violent measures committed by your People In India that They will shew no countenance or protection to them We persuade Ourselves that your Excellency will readily Redress these abuses and Issue such orders as will Restrain your agents from presuming to offend in this way again.

Our Honble Company's Occasion for Timber & Plank being very great We have now sent their [*sic*] Our ship the Prince George to your Port for a Cargo of it, and take the Liberty of Desiring your kind assistance to the Commander in purchasing it, which Favour we shall be glad of an Opportunity of Convincing your Excellency We hold in great Esteem as Well as your Civilitys to David Hunter Esqr. who lately touch'd at Batavia which it will give us pleasure to reciprocate such acts of Friendship to Individuals are so much the more gratefull as We willingly construe them marks of a good intention to promote that Harmony and Friendship which is undoubtedly the Interest of our two nations to maintain and which our respective Sovereigns have so much at Heart.

We have the Honour to be with the most perfect Esteem & Friendship.

Right Honble Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants,

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
10th. April 1753.

No. 40.

To The Worshll. Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Governour & Council of
Fort Marlbro.

Worshippful Sir & Sirs

Para 1. . . Our last to you was ℔ Success Galley Capt. Peter Duncan, this you will receive by our Honble Masters ship Prince George Capt. Edward Burman We shall reply to those rceiv'd from you and give you our Sentiments on the Situation of your affairs as farr as the advices receiv'd from your Coast will permit.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2d. . . We have as yet no account of the Brillant Snow nor can We learn any thing further of the ship Success than not being able to Weather Acheen Head she was seen in the Streights of Malacca in August.

3d. . . The Delawar sail'd from Galee the 17th. February as did the Success Galley from hence the 26th Ulto. you have now Duplicate of our advices by her.

4th. . . The Cuddalore Sloops Bottom was so very bad that We were oblig'd to send her to Vizagapatam; as she is a Surat built Vessell and but lately sent over to you, her rotton condition gives us great Reason to believe there is not the due care taken as ought to be, We therefore Expect that in future your Vessells be kept in constant Repair and not let run to such length as to render them unserviceable or at least to require a very great Expence to refit. In looking over your Books We find the Masters of these Vessells were allow'd 15 Dolls. afterwards 20 and now 37½. We think 20 sufficient and direct their pay be adjusted on this footing.

5th. . . The Prince George after the delivery of her cargo is to proceed to Batavia for Timber & Plank; Let her stay with you be as short as possible and advance Captn. Edwd. Burman Sufficient for the purchase of his Loading.

6th. . . We have by this ship addres'd the General of Batavia in regard to the unlawful seizures made by the Dutch, you will acquaint the Concern'd with it that they may assert their just Claims.

7th. . . When refitted We shall return the Sloop Cuddalore to you.

8th. . . We wish We may be mistaken but these trips of sloops to Batavia seem to be calculated for Private Views, let there be no more but upon absolute necessity.

9th. . . The Godolphin will be Dispatch'd in Seven or Eight Day[s] more.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOS'D OF AT ANOTHER.

10th. . . We now send you what stores We thought necessary as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading also 21 Coffrey Women and 27 Topasses.

11th. . . You will take Care to give us Credit for the produce of the Cargo ℔ Arcot Snow.

12th. . . We must repeat that as the Bombay Castle was not Consign'd to your Port your landing four Chests of Treasure and Stores from her is quite out of Rule and Contrary to Orders therefore you will upon no account do this in future as you might reasonably very soon have Expected the Store ship the Excuse you make is quite Trifling. Inclos'd is account of their value which you will bring to account current with us.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENT.

13th. . . We are so much alarm'd at the Decrease in your Investment that We cannot avoid constantly repeating it to you, after so many new settlements and with Each of these promises of large Quantities of Pepper, what favour can you expect from Our Honble Masters when they Perceive a decrease or what Excuse can you make, The small pox has been so often alledg'd when We have at the same time been inform'd of the Falsity of it that this will in future carry with it no force, in short there has been ill management and total neglect of all Branches of the Company's affairs, and of this in particular it is not only one but Every one of you that seem to us culpable for these many years, a Reformation We insist on and if any one is hardy to persist He may Expect to feel the Severest Resentment. The first and most material thing We enjoin that Regular Surveys at the Proper Seasons be made that a Company's Servant of Capacity and Integrity attend these surveys on their Return They must deliver their Report in Consultation which you will carefully Examine, Issue out such orders as are necessary either in Rewarding the Industrious of Punishing the Indolent and see these orders put in Execution, at the different Qualloes let proper Persons be ready to receive the pepper as brought in That the people are not put off with tedious delays by which means their plantations may suffer; They must be treated with Humanity and not abus'd their pepper paid for as soon as weighed at the Company's full Price not by giving it with one hand and taking it again with the other on account of Goods or Depts [*sic*] for Goods charg'd at Exorbitant Prices, We positively direct that any Person Guilty of such notorious Knavery be immediately suspended the Service, The province of Moco Moco was formerly a flourishing one, This as well as others is on the decline, We are well assur'd if the Residence [*sic*] there does not make a Jobb of the affair by filling his Pockets with the Planters money for his private Trade, this country will flourish. His Behaviour in this Station will Either entitle him to the Company's Favour or Resentments as it deserves.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

14th. . . This is the spring from whence your Success or Ruin must flow, from a Prudent or weak administration on your Settlements will Either flourish or such Evils Ensue as will carry with them Consequences fatal to Our Honble masters affairs, Wherever the English have made Settlements, their humanity and fair treatment have always gain'd them the Love of the Nations as their Forts have Commanded Respect and obedience to Justice lawfully administered, This was the situation of Your Coast some years past, But now how chang'd ' No mark of Respect remains.' Murder and all manner of Crimes committed Unregarded there is not even the shadow of Power which is dwindled into contempt by a most scandalous familiarity and relaxedness of Government it is hardly possible to conceive that during the Troubles of this Coast which might not admit of a thorough attention to your affairs that you should thus deviate from Rules laid down for your conduct and Contract a stupid Lethargy regardless of your Honble Master's Interest or your own Reputation what we say on this subject is by no means to inculcate to you acts of cruelty Injustice or oppression, these would weaken instead of support your authority and render you deservedly as obnoxious to the people as your Neighbours Rewards and punishments impartially bestowed are the Life of all Government and the Only means to promote the Happiness of a State by Securing the Lives and property of its indeviduals by which Industry, consequently plenty will be encouraged Whenever the leading men come or Write you let them be treated with such a distinction of Respect as has eben formerly observ'd, dispatch their Business and if it be complaints examine into the Nature of them and do Justice impartially. Whenever you hear of any Insurrection immediately endeavour to quel it call the authors of it before you in a publick Beechar inquire into it and impose &

fine of Punishment adequate to the Crime. The Country of Moco Moco seems very unsettled We depend upon your vigilance in preventing any ill consequences we would have you once a Week appoint a Day for administering Justice and deciding Disputes between the Inhabitants, and in this let no pique or prejudice interfere by a courteous behaviour give Encouragement to strangers especially artificers to settle among you and see they are not oppress'd by forcing their Goods from them at under prices or in any other shape whatever.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES.

15th. . . We have already wrote you fully on this head what remains regards materials and artificers in which We apprehend there has been great abuses, We direct a Committee be appointed to examine whether the Several sorts which we observ'd charg'd at the Old prices are brought in according to the length Breadths and quality contracted for, let one of the Paymasters assistants as formerly was the Custom when these materials are receiv'd constantly survey them reject such as are bad, and if any otherwise deficient make a suitable abatement these materials must be regularly paid for at the Company's prices in money and not plac'd to account of private outstanding Debts or Goods impos'd upon the Owners at high Prices which we look upon as the Cause of the badness of them and which we will by no means allow of, and when any of these materials are expended take care there is no fraud in bringing to account more than have been made use of, it seems to us that it has also been the practice to impose Goods on the artificers and Workmen they must receive their Wages and hire duely in money, see this executed.

SIXTHLY OF FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

16th. . . Every head of the Companys affairs gives but to just a Reason for Complaint. As Mr. Hindly is invested with the Government We expect from him that he see our Orders put in execution he has a Council to advise with and you Jointly are answerable for the managemnt of the whole, immediately on Receipt of this appoint a Committee to enquire into the state of your Secretarys and Accomptants Offices which we hear are in great confusion inform yourselves what Business is behind hand and the Reason of it, let proper assistants be appointed to these Offices, hours for their attendance, and to each their share of Business, The Secretary and accomptant must see they perform it or report them in Consultation and you will shew a proper resentment to the Transgressors and advise us who they are that we may represent them to Our Honble Masters, You will observe the same Regulation in regard to other Employments, and discountenance all depravity of manners.

17th. . . You have the military Regulations which are very full, We shall only observe a few particulars.

18th. . . In case of the Death of any Captain we would not have the vacancy fill'd up but referr'd to us, except you have a very able person.

19th. . . If anything more than mention'd in the Regulations has been stopped from the military it must be refunded. The Compay. have shewn their Officers great indulgence in giving them the Cloathing of their respective Companys you must not suffer anything more, the Selling them slopps at unreasonable prices must not be allow'd, send us over an Indent of what may be wanting, we will supply You; let the men have them cut off your Warehouse at ten ℔ Cent advance which will be enough to make good any damage that the Company be not sufferers they must pay ready money for what they receive.

20th. . . We dont approve of your sending persons under suspension directly to Europe, transmit us the Reasons of such Suspension and let them remain so till you hear from us or Our Honble Masters pleasure be known.

21st. . . Noquedah Poe a Chinaman in your place complains to us of very arbitrary treatment in attaching his Effects selling his House and a Quantity of salt at an underrate enquire into this and in future let all decisions of property be on record in your Consultations.

22d. . . Let all Company's Servants be preferr'd according to their standing except just Reasons be assign'd to the Contrary and then those Reasons must be entered after Consultation, You must not permit any monopoly in Trade, all the Servants in General are entitled to the kind influence of our Honble Masters favour.

23d. . . Mr. Hunter requested of us that Mr. Crammer might be sent over as an assistant to him at the Negrais, if it is agreable to him he may come over on the first ship but still to preserve his standing on Your Establishment.

24th. . . We expect a punctual compliance with what we have wrote you on the several Branches of your affairs and that you constantly transmit us your Books and Papers as usual.

We are
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs,
Your affectionate Friends and Servants.
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George,
The 10th. April 1753.

P.S.—Inclosed is manifest of Private Trade licensed on bd. this ship, also account current with your Settlement and a List of nine Transports sent you, The Military you will incorporate with yours & Employ the Coffrees as you think they will be of most Service Besides the Sums We gave you permission to draw on us for, in our Letter of the 26th. Ulto. ℔ Success Galley, you may Grant certificates on Us for the amount of what you may advance Capt. Burman for the purchase of his Cargo at Batavia.

We are,
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
10mo. April 1753.

MANIFEST of Goods licenced by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be Shipp'd on the Prince George Captn. Edward Burman for Fort Marlborough by the following Persons, Viz^{t}.

By Cap^{t}. Edwd. Burman for himself.

		Cor.		Pags.	Fa.	Ca.	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
25	Blue Moores	5		90					
	Chints	5		130					
	Bugguese Cambays	10		160					
	Blue Handkerchiefs	20		210					
	Do. Cambay	20		260					
	Ginghams Ordinary	40		360					
	Coarse Handkerchiefs	40		720					
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25	Bales amots. to								
By ditto for Mr. Joseph Darwall.									
3	Women's stockings	1		13					
	Ginghams Midling	1		24					
	Muslin Handkerchs.	—	1	2					
	White Gingham	—	2	6					
	Chints	—	6	13					
	Long cloth white	1	10	65					
	Ditto Blue	2		55					
	Bugguese Cambays	4		76					
	Blue Handkerchs.	2		20					
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3	Bales amots. to						274	—	—
By Chas. Bourchier for Mr. Roger Carter.									
1	Long cloth Blue	4		72					
2	Sallempores Do.	8		160					
2	Ditto white	9		135					
2	Long Cloth White	3		100					
—				——					
7	Bales amots. to.						467	—	—

By Messrs. John Walsh & Henry Vansittart for Mr. Thomas Combes.

4 Long Cloth Blue.
1 Sallempores do.
1 Betteelas do.
1 Tappies.
2 Long Cloth White.
1 Succatoons & Betteelas.

Chests.

3 Mungeer Opium.
4 Patna Opium.
1 Bengal Taffaties.
1 China Ware.

Bale.

		Cor.	
1	Sallampores White		
6	Long Cloth do.	10	
	Tappies large	2	11
	Do. small	6	10
	Cambays	2	10
	Strip'd Ginghams	4	5

Bundles.

1	Bugguese Cambays	2	19
1	Shirts and Stocks	—	
—			
29	Bales, Bundles and Chests		
—			
35	Bales amots. to		

Pago . 2571 — —

These were left packed by Mr. Combes without any accot. of their Prices which is the Reason they are not inserted.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secry

FORT St. GEORGE, 10th. APRIL 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBRO BY THE HONBLE COMP. SHIP PRINCE GEORGE.

No. 1 General Letter to the Deputy Governour's Council of Fort Marlborough dated the 10th. April 1753.
2. Duplicate Gen. Letter to Do. dated 26th. March 1753 per Success Galley.
3. Invoice of Sundrys laden on bd. the Prince George.
4. First Bill Lading for do.
5. Duplicate Invoice of Sundrys laden on board the Brillant Snow.
N.B.—Bills of Lading were not sign'd when the Brillant was drove out of the Road.
6. Duplicate Invoice of Sundrys laden on board the Delawar.
7. Second Bills of Lading for do.
8. Account Curt. with Fort Marlbro to ye. 10th. Aprl. 1753.
9. Account Goods landed at Fort Marlbro' out of the Bombay Castle.
10. Manifest of private Trade licenced to be Shipp'd on the Prince George.
11. List of Transports on board the Prince George.
12. Copy of Captain Burmans Dispatch.

CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Secry.

FORT St. GEORGE 10TH. APRIL 1753.

No. 41.

TO CAPT. EDWARD BURMAN OF SHIP PRINCE GEORGE.

SIR,

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr & Council and follow such directions as you may receive from them for the delivery of your Cargo, as soon as this is done you must without Loss of Time proceed to Batavia and there purchase a Loading of Teak Timbers Plank & Sheathing Boards which We rely on your prudence in Getting the best procurable and at the most Reasonable Prices; We have order'd the Deputy Governr. & Council of Fort Marlbro, to supply you with a sum of money sufficient for this purchase and have requested the favour of the General of Batavia to Grant you his assistance therein which We make no doubt will be of Service to you, Our Letter to him is Inclos'd when you have finish'd your Business there you will immediately return hither. Dated in Fort St. George this 10th. day of april 1753.

THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 42.

To Stephen Vermont Esqr. Chief
&c^a. Council of Pulliacat.

Gentlemen,

Our Peons return'd to us this morning and brought us Your Favour dated yesterday, agreable to the Contents of which We now send you Star Pagodas Five hundred and eighty and a half (580½) on account the Disbursements made by your agents at Gale upon the Honble Companys ship Delawar, and desire you'l please to favour us with a Discharge for the same by the Bearers—We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t. Servants,
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort S^t. George.
12^th. April 1753.

No. 43.

To Rich^d. Starke Esq^r. Deputy Gov^r.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen,

The President & Council purposing to load the Bengall S^t. Helena Tonnage that the Colchester brought hither, on board the Godolphin would have you send them the Invoice Bill of Lading & Bengal Letter without loss of time, otherwise it may be too late to reach us before the Godolphin's Departure. I am

Gentlemen,
Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.
Cha^s. Bourchier,
Secy.

Fort S^t. George,
13^th. April 1753.

No. 44.

To the Honble Libreeht Hooreman Esq^r.
President on the Coast of Choromandel
& Governour of Negapatam &c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been favour'd with your Hon^r. &c^as. Letter of the 8^th. Ult^o. inclosing an account of Disbursements on the Honble Company's Ship Delawar at Point de Gale amounting to Rix Dollars one thousand & seventy five; as your Hon^r. &c^a. desired this sum might be remitte'd by us to your Servants at Pulliacat We wrote them requesting to know in what specie & at what Exchange it would be most agreable to them to receive it & upon their signifying to us it would turn out Five hundred and Eighty & a half (580½) Star Pagodas

We immediately sent them the same for which We have their acknowledgement your Honr. &ca. will do us the favour to accept our Thanks for your kind assistance in this affair and at the same time assure yourselves how much We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Sincere Friends & most
Obedt. hble servants,
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
17th. April 1753.

No. 45.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governr. &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We wrote your Honr. &ca. by the London Sloop under date the 2d. Instant of which We now enclose Duplicate. this We send your Honr. &ca. by the Don Carlos on whom We have consign'd you four hundred Candies of Redwood as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading.

Our Warehousekeeper acquaints us that out of the Packing stuff We indented for to your Honr. &ca. Council We have received not near half which We are apprehensive will put us to some difficulties, We have therefore now sent you an Indent for what more We shall require the Ensuing Season & must request you will please to forward us the same by the Earliest Conveyance.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servts.
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George,
17th. April 1753.

No. 46.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

Since Writing you under date the 18th. We have receiv'd your Letter of the 14th. Ulto.

The Don Carlos bound to Bengl. touching at your Port We have sent you by her such articles of your Indent as we can at Present spare you and a supply of Five thousand Madrass Pagodas for your Investment which We hope will encourage your merchants to bring in their Cloth faster; You will by her receive also two Boxes containing Each ten thousand (10,000) Madras Pagodas for the Use of Ingeram and Madapollam Factorys as ℔ the Inclos'd Bills of Lading Till our Stock of Gunpowder is larger We can't send you the Quantity you have indented for.

On this ship takes his passage Mr. John Lewen Smith Factor whom We have appointed third & Youngest in Council at Your Place he has been paid his salary to the 25th. Ulto. & Diet &ca. allowances to the last of this month— We are,

GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17TH. APRIL 1753.

No. 47.

To MR. FOSS WESTCOTT
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR,

We have duely receiv'd your Several Letters of the 25th. Janry, 1st. & 4th. Febry & 6th Ult°. We are Glad to Observe you have got possession of Coringa & its dependancies on the Honble Company's Acco^t. and approve of the step you have taken to encourage a resort of Vessells thither, We hope you have received the Rajah's own Cowle for that District.

We have again look'd over your turn'd out Cloth hoping that some part of it would allow of being taken in at an abatement but finds. it so Extreamly bad that We are under an absolute necessity of rejecting no less than ninety Bales as wholly unfit for our Honble Masters Purpose, which Obliges us to remind you again how much it behoves you to Exert yourself in improving this branch of their affairs; and that you may be the better Enabled to do it We have sent for your use to Vizagapatam by this conveyance the Don Carlos Ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas and hope you will give us no further Reason to Complain.

The Broad Cloth and Packing stuff will be forwarded to you in few days by your Schooner, the Gunpowder and stationary Ware you must wait for till We have a better stock to afford you a supply.

Having appointed Mr. John Calland Writer assistant at your Place in the room of Mr. Charles Hopkins, He now takes his passage on the Don Carlos and has Receiv'd his Salary to the 25th. and his Diet &ca. allowances to Ult°. March. We are,

SIR,
Your affect°. Friends,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17TH. APRIL 1753.

No. 48.

To MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT MADAPOLLAM.

SIR,

Your letters of the 15th. Febry. & 4th. Ult°. with the Bales by the George Sloop have safely arriv'd here.

This We send by the Don Carlos to Vizagapatam on whom We have laden Ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas for your Use as ℔ Invoice Inclos'd and persuade Ourselves that having the advantage of so Early a supply will greatly forward your Investment and put it in your Power to increase it considerably.

We are,
SIR,
Your affect^e^. Friends,
THO^S^. SAUNDERS &C^A^. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
17^TH^. APRIL 1753.

N^o^. 49.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF
FORT MARLBRO'.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS,

We wrote to you very explicitly by the Prince George Captn. Burman who sail'd from hence the 11^th^. Instant a Duplicate acompanys this.

We now send the Godolphin to you to fill up, we apprized you by the Success Galley and under date 26^th^. Ultimo of our Intention & therefore hope you will be prepared to give her a quick dispatch, We have loaded on her two hundred and ninety nine (299) Tons, you must supply the remaining two hundred Tons if possible but no more on any account, this done, give the Cap^t^. his Dispatches for England without loss of time.

We intended to have sent you by this ship the Oyl you indented for, but Captn. Hutchinson informs us he cannot take it in without the risk of damaging the Bales in case of leakage, as this inconvenience cannot be avoided We must defer the sending it to some future Opportunity.

The Invoice and Bill of Lading for what stores are consign'd you by this ship come enclos'd as also a muster of her men and List of Warlike stores, let them be resurveyed and forward the Report in your Packet.

Send us early advices how your crops are likely to turn out and what quantity of surplus pepper you may probably have that we may be guided in the disposal of this year's Tonnage.

The accompanying Letter to the Governour of Batavia is a Duplicate of what We wrote by the Prince George, you will forward it by any Conveyance you may judge proper.

The Scarcity of arrack here has prevented our Compleating the S^t^. Helena Tonnage We therefore would have you ship two Leaguers of arrack on that account and advise the Governour and Council of S^t^. Helena thereof.

If Cap^t^. Hutchinson shou'd invest any moneys at your place on his homeward bound adventure, it must be added to his manifest which we send you for that purpose.

The Commander of the Delawar has omitted to Certify to us the amount of what he was supplyed with by the Dutch at Gale for the repair of his ship, however We have settled with the Governour &c^a^. Council of Negapatam the acc^t^. they sent us amounting to 1075 Rix Dollars or five hundred and Eighty Star Pagodas and an half (580½) if these advices should reach you before Cap^t^. Winter leaves your place, you must require of him a proper voucher for the said sum which you will transmit to Our Honble Masters that they may settle the same with his Owners.

Five Swiss Deserters having laid a Considerable time under Condemnation We are unwilling to inflict the last punishment and at the same time think it unadvisable to retake them into the Service here as they may again be tempted from their Duty, they can have no such Opportunity with you and we therefore send them on this ship to be incorporated in your military or otherwise disposed of as you think fit.

We are,
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs,
Your affecte. friends & Servts.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
19th. April 1753.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlborough by the Ship Godolphin.

No. 1 General Letter to the Deputy Governr. & Council dated 19th. April 1753.
2. Duplicate of Genl. Letter to Do. ℔ Prince George dated 10th. April 1753.
3. Duplicate General Letter ℔ Prince George to the Governr. of Batavia.
4. Invoice of Sundrys Laden on the Godolphin for Fort Marlborough.
5. First Bill of Lading for do.
6. Duplicate Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Prince George for Fort Marlborough.
7. Second Bills of Lading for Do.
8. Duplicate account Currt. with Fort Marlborough.
9. Duplicate account of Goods landed at Fort Marlbro out of the Bombay Castle.
10. Copy of Captain Hutchinson's Dispatch.
11. Capt. Hutchinson's manifest of his homeward bound adventure.
12. Muster Role of the Godolphins Crew.
13. List of Warlike Stores on board the Godolphin.
14. Copy of the Godolphin's Charter party.

No. 50.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

In consequence of your Request for a supply of Cartridge Paper. We now Dispatch the Dragon Sloop to you with twelve hundred Quires as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd which is all we can possibly spare you; as probably the Bengall shipping may bring some for sale, you may Procure as much out of such as touch at your Port as you have occasion for, You will return the Dragon to Us with a Loading Of Bales—We are,

Gentlemen,
Your affectie. Friends &
servts.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney
Alexr. Wynch
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
23d. April 1753.

No. 51.

To Mr. George Dawson
at Deve Cotah.

Sir,

We have recd your Letter of the 14th. with your monthly accounts.

Being in Want of a number of Piles you will Give orders for cutting as far as one hundred thousand, as well as a Quantity of Erk Wood proper for making Charcoal & forward the same hither as you have Opportunities.

We are,
Sir,
Your affectionate Friends,
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
25th. April 1753.

No. 52.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

The several Letters We have lately receiv'd from you are dated the 30th. Ulto. 2d. 4th. 12th. 14th. 15th. & 21st. Instant to which we shall now reply.

The Jewells and Carpets for Presents came safe to hand and we have receiv'd also the Camp Kettles by the Griffen; when we wrote you for the latter We mention'd if you had any remaining we would have you send them, as we had then immediate occasion for them for Mr. Hunter's Expedition, but did not think there was any necessity for your making them as we could have done it Equally as well We imagine here, We desire therefore you will not be so ready to set about these Things Till you have our Orders for it.

We shall make Enquiry into what is alledg'd by the Trevendiporum Renters in regard to their Losses, and then give you our sentiments thereon.

The Reason you urge in Mr. St. Paul's Letter to our Secretary for sending the Colchester's St. Helena Invoice by the Admiral Vernon We can't but look upon as a very weak one when a copy might have done as well to guide the Gentlemen there in the valuation of the stores by her, and you must have been sensible that We should have Occasion for the Original when we might forward the Colchester's Tonnage which was just the Case on Dispatching the Godolphin who carried them and put us to the necessity of making a memorandum at the Bottom of her Invoice from hence that the one for the Bengall articles was thro' mistake sent by the Admiral Vernon.

This We cannot help observing to you carrys with it a very great appearance of negligence in our Honble masters Concerns and if more attention is not given to them you will oblige us to take further notice of it.

We shall as soon as We have it in our Power furnish you with a further Supply of Cash & as we observe your merchant's Ballances are consederable particularly, Pondarum Moodelarees, we think this a very good opportunity for you to clear them.

We don't see that the least necessity for any addition to the allowance for making Powder Except for the Spirits represented to be so necessary an Ingredient, we therefore can't Consent to the Increasing it more than what the charge of those spirits may amount to.

As we are quite in the Dark in regard to the Transactions of your Storehouse & Military Storehe. having only the monthly accots. Current of those Employs altho' you must know when this was before the Presidency those Journal Parcles were transmitted here monthly. This Rule you must Observe in future & send us Every month the Journal Parcells of Every Employ at your Settlement, as well as all those accounts from the time this Settlement became the Presidency.

Should the first ship from Europe touch at your Settlement dispatch her hither immediately that we may learn what supplys of military & stores are coming by the rest and be able to send you directions about landing what may be necessary for you to detain out of them.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26TH. APRIL 1753.

No. 53.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Letters of the 27th. Ultimo, 3d. 4th. & 7th. Instant with your Consultations and monthly Papers are come to hand.

As we perceive your Cash was greatly reduced We shall as soon as we can procure Bills remit you a supply; we have discharged your several late draughts on us which we find are drawn at Only three days sight as this is attended with some inconvenience to us, hereafter you must make them at ten.

Altho' you say your merchants Ballances are considerable lessen'd We can't at all approve of upwards of Eighteen thousand Pagodas being yet due from Andeapah, Even Eight is a great deal too much for when your Settlement was the Presidency the sum limitted to remain in the Hands of the whole set of merchants was no more than thirty thousand Pagodas, and tho' it is now become a Subordinate above half of that is owing by one man at this time too when it can be but of Little Use which makes it highly Incumbent on you to reduce it as much as possible, it will be no ways agreable to us to act as you say you purpose, in using other than mild measures to oblige the persons said to be Indebted to Andeapah's Estate to pay what they owe for where property is concern'd to leave the matter to be decided by arbitration is we think the most Equitable way of proceeding but as Even in this Case both parties may not always approve of the Persons Chosen to act as arbitrators If it should so happen we would then have the matter left to us to determine and no Compulsive measures taken.

We find by your last Letter that Mr. Dupleix has alter'd his Intentions in regard to the prisoners and propos'd using them in the same manner his are Treated at Trividy; This We imagin'd He would do and never thought so weak to subject those poor unfortunate men to the treatment He threatned to give Ours, you did very right in sending them Provisions & a Surgeon.

We have not yet had an opportunity of making a proper Enquiry into the Losses which The Trevendiporum Renters alledge they have sustain'd as soon as We have We shall give you our Sentiments thereon However don't let this be any Impediment to the Closing your Books but transfer that head to your new sett.

As fast as Your Cloth is Embaled send it hither by such Opportunities as offer.

The manner in which Shaik Hussain made his Escape gives us but too much Reason to Suspect that there must have been too great a familiarity between him and the persons in whose charge He was, otherwise We cannot suppose he would have had Several Indulgences that We are acquainted were allow'd him which must have greatly facilitated his getting away, We think it therefore Extreamly necessary that you make a very strict Enquiry into this affair and how it came about that both people & Provisions were suffered to pass in and out of his apartment Without being search'd.

As upon adjusting accounts with the Nabob He will probably require the necessary Vouchers for everything that has been supplied and Expended for his Use, your Storekr. & Military Storekeeper must be Extreamly Carefull to have them all to porduce on Occasion for should any be missing it will fall upon him to be accountable for what may appear to have been deliver'd without such Vouchers—We are

Gentlemen,
Your affece. Friends & Servants

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
11th. May 1753.

P.S.—Send us up as soon it can be possibly Compleated the Nabobs account to Ulto. April. Since writing the foregoing import'd here Our Honble Masters ships Clinton & Suffolk, as the Winchelsea is to call at your Settlement, you will land out of her all the Recruits & such stores as you may be in want of & that you may know what she has on board upon applying to the Commander He will shew you his Bill of Lading, you have our permission also for acting in the same manner with Regard to any of the other ships from Europe that may touch with you, althô they may be consign'd to Bengall.

No. 54.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Our last was dated 17th. Ulto. by the Don Carlos, with a Consignment of Red Wood, Duplicate of which with Invoice & Bill of Lading are Inclos'd We have duely recd your Honr. &ca. favour of the 14th. March.

Yesterday arriv'd with us from England which they left the 27th. Decr. last Our Honble Masters ships Clinton & Suffolk bound for this Place and China and bring us the agreable news of the safe arrival in England of all the homeward bound shipping last Season Except the Scarborough. They touched at the Cape and on leaving It met going In there the Boscawen & Edgebaston both destin'd here & for China. Inclos'd are lists of the arrival and Departure of the several ships, and of those taken up for India this season. We make use of this Opportunity to forward to your Honr. &ca. a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for your Presidency receď by the Clinton and are

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servts.

Thomas Saunders
&cA. Council.

Fort St. George,
12th. May 1753.

No. 55.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&cA. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

The Deputy Governour's Presence being necessary here for sometime We have directed him to take the first opportunity by sea of Coming hither, on his Departure we would have him deliver the Charge of the Settlement and the management of all our Honble Master's affairs to Mr. Thomas Cooke &ca. Council in which We make no doubt of your utmost Care and Circumspection. Be mindfull to advise us of Everything material that may Occur & forward all Letters of Consequence by Cattamarans.

Acquaint us what Quantity of salt petre you have remaining & if it will be sufficient for Powder making for a Twelve month from this time.

We are,

Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry. Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith

Fort St. George,
13th. May 1753.

No. 56.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Our Honble Masters havg. appointed Colonel Scott Engineer General of all their Settlements in India Major of their Garrison and Commander of their Forces at Fort William in Bengall and standing Third in Council with orders to call at your Settlement in his Way hither We now Inclose you a copy of their commands to you relating to him that you may be prepar'd for

his Reception and be able to give him what assistance He may require in the Execution of the orders he has receiv'd from the Honble Company, You will give him the same military Honours as are paid to Major Lawrence.

As by our Letter dispatch'd to you the day before yesterday you will find we have thought it necessary the Deputy Govr. should be with us for a short time & have directed that in his absence the charge of the Settlement & our Honble Master's affairs be left to Mr. Thomas Cooke &ca. Council. We judge it may be proper that all Letters from Mr. Lawrence or Capt. Dalton to the President should be open'd by Mr. Cooke which he will do accordingly and in Case Either are in want of any supplies of money or stores you will furnish them as fully as is in your Power & on any Emergent Occasions act in the best manner you are capable of & immediately advise us.

We are told there is a large copper Brick'd up in the Company's Cook Room at your Settlement and another lying near the storehouse Godown which will be of use here for the Powder Mill, We would therefore have them sent up as you have an Opportunity; and as the Consumption of military stores is so Considerable We want to know what Quantity you have remaining which you will send us an account of as soon as possible.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16TH MAY 1753.

No. 57.

To GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN,

A Country Vessell being bound to your Port gives us an Opportunity of forwarding you the List of Investment to be provided by you this Season with the several Remarks and directions relating thereto received from the Honble Company by the Ships Clinton & Suffolk lately arrived here which we expect your due compliance with, & rely on your greatest Effords [*sic*] towards Increasing your Investment as much as possible, as it is very particularly recommended to keep the Northern Clothes to their full Lengths & Breadths that is to say the Long Cloths to full thirty six Yards long and One yard and an Eighth broad and the Sallampores to Sixteen yards long and one & an Eighth Broad which will make a very material Difference in price to the Company's advantage at the sales, you must therefore Exert yourselves in seeing the same is duely performed.

Cure as much of your Cloth as you can and tho. you may not be able to get done all that is provided, We would have you send us up at the same time all the Browne you have on hand.

We shall very soon furnish you with a supply of money.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affectionate Friends,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21ST. MAY 1753.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT VIZAGAPATAM FOR THE YEAR 1753.

Long Cloth Ordy. as much as can be procur'd
Sallempores ordy. as much as can be procur'd.
Long Cloth Fine .. } not to Exceed in Value one fourth part of the List of
Sallempores Fine .. } Investment.

	Pieces.
Izzarees Fine, Five hundred	500
Of these none have been sent for some years past.	
Izzarees Superfine Five hundred	500

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECEIVED FROM ENGLAND BY SHIPS CLINTON & SUFFOLK 11TH. MAY 1753.

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallempores up to full (16) Sixteen yards long and the usual Breadth and that no damaged Pieces be packed in the Bales.

It is a great objection to the Ingeram & Vizagapatam Cloth that they are one Sixteenth of a yard narrower than most other sorts for which Reason you must by all means procure them to be made of Equal Breadths with those of Fort St. David & Madras.

No. 58.

TO MR. FOSS WESTCOTT
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR,

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 4th. & 26th. Ultimo with your accounts, Observing your cash was very low We have taken this Opportunity of a Country Vessel named the Stree Vencataish, Tomiah Tandell bound to Vizagapatam to send you ten thousand 10,000 Madras Pagodas for the Carrying on your business and shall continue to keep you supplied whereby we hope you will be able to succeed in a large Investment which you cannot be too Carefull in the Sorting of and taking in such part only as is of a good manufacture, and as our Honble Masters have this year particularly recommended the keeping up both the Long Cloths and Sallempores in their full lengths and Breadths that is to say the long cloths full thirty six Yards long and one yard & an eighth Broad, and the Sallampores full sixteen yards long and one yard & an Eighth broad, We rely upon your having the same duely Executed as well as their Several Directions contain'd in the Inclosed List of Goods to be provided by you Extracted from the List of Investment receiv'd from England by the Ships Clinton & Suffolk You must remember

to get as much of your Cloth cur'd as possible and if the whole Cannot be done you must nevertheless send us the whole Quantity on hand, at the Dispatch of your Vessell here in August.

We are,
SIR,
Your affectionate Friends,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21ST. MAY 1753.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT INGERAM FOR THE YEAR 1753.

Long Cloth, Ordinary as much as can be procured.

Sallampores Ordy. as much as can be procur'd.

Long Cloth Fine .. } not to Exceed in value one fourth part of the List of Invest-
Sallempores Fine .. } ment.

	Pieces.
Izzarees Fine Five hundred	500
Of these none have been sent for some years past.	
Izzarees Superfine, Five hundred	500

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECD FROM ENGLAND BY SHIPS CLINTON & SUFFOLK 11TH. MAY 1753,

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallempores up to full (16) Sixteen yards long and the usual Breadth and that no damaged Pieces be packed in the Bales.

More Care must be taken that the Bales and Tickets of the Ingeram Cloth ansr. as to the sortment and the Tickets put into all the Bales must be laid under the first piece that they may be Easily found, and you must take Care to send the Goods agreable to Invoice there having been great mistakes made for several years past.

By the Britannia We receiv'd two Bales and by the Warwick one Bale of Midling Ingeram Cloth under the Mark 12 M which were very Good & what you must by all means encourage the manufacture of, If you could procure One thousand or one thousand five hundred pieces of the same Quality and price, They would be very acceptable.

It is a great objection to the Ingeram & Vizagapatam Cloth that they are one Sixteenth of a yard narrower than most other sorts for which reason you must by all means procuce [*sic*] them to be made of Equal Breadths with those of Fort St. David & Madrass.

No. 59.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT MADAPOLLAM.

SIR,

We wrote you last by the Don Carlos the 17th. Ultimo and have since receiv'd your Letters of the 4th. Ultimo and 2d. Instant with your accounts.

The ships Clinton & Suffolk from England arriving here the 11th. Instant gives us the Opportunity of now forwarding to you the List of Goods you are to provide this season with the Remarks and directions in the List of Investment receiv'd from our Honble Masters which you will strictly observe, as

they very particularly recommend the keeping up the Northern Long Cloths to full thirty six yards long & one yard and an Eighth Broad, and the Sallempores to full sixteen yards long and one yard and an eighth broad you must be carefull that the same is duely perform'd and do all that lays in your Power towards Increasing Your Investment at the same time observing that you do not fall off in the Goodness of the manufacture.

We would have you cure as much of your Cloth as you can but if the whole cannot be done send us also what yo[u] have remaining Browne,

We are,
SIR,
Your affectionate Friends
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21ST. MAY 1753.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT MADAPOLLAM FOR THE YEAR 1753.

Long Cloth Ordy. as much as can be procur'd
Sallempores Ordy. as much as can be procured.
Long Cloth Fine .. } Not to exceed in value one fourth part of the List of In-
Sallempores Fine .. } vestment.

	Pieces.
Izzarees Fine, Five hundred	500
Of these none have been sent for some years pt.	
Izzarees Superfine, Five hundred	500

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECD FROM ENGLAND P SHIPS CLINTON & SUFFOLK 11TH. MAY 1753 VIZT.

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallempores to full 16 yards long and the usual Breadth and that no damag'd Pieces be pack'd in the Bales.

More care must be taken that the Bales & Tickets of the Ingeram Cloth answer as to the sortment & the Tickets put into all the Bales must be laid under the first piece that they may be Easily found and you must take care to send the Goods agreable to Invoice there having been Great mistakes made for several Years past.

It is a great Objection to the Ingeram and Vizagapatam Cloth that they are one Sixteenth of a yard narrower than most other sorts for which reason you must by all means procure them to be made of Equal Breadths wh. those of Fort St. David & Madrass.

No. 60.

TO RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

Being very well assur'd the latter shipping from Europe will bring out a Charter for Erecting a Mayor's court here, we think it most adviseable to

leave the Case of Andeapahs Creditors to be decided then and would therefore have you no ways Interfere therein, as that certainly will be the most proper Place for determining all matters concerning Property.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affect^e. Friends & Servants
THO^S. SAUNDERS.
CHA^S. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
24^TH. MAY 1753.

N^o. 61.

TO THE HONBLE RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

The Fort S^t. David arriv'd here the 21^st. Instant and brought us your Honour &ca^s. favour of the 18^th. Ultimo; We have not receiv'd by her any Foreign Silver from the Chief and Factores at Tellicherry.

The 11^th. Instant imported with us the Honble Companys ship Clinton & Suffolk from England which they left the 25^th. Decem^r. and are bound for China. They touch'd at the Cape in their passage where was the Wager Capt. Hindman from Bengall and at leaving it met going in there the Boscawen and Edgbaston, Inclos'd we send your Hon^r. &c^a. Lists of the arrival & departure of shipping in & from England and of those destin'd for India this season. Having great Reason to apprehend from the present Prospect of affairs on this Coast and the Quantity of Tonnage there will be on hand both of last and this year that there is little probability of providing for the whole as the utmost We shall be able to supply will be a Loading for one ship in Septm^r. & another in Jan^y. We are to request you will let us know if you think it will be in your Hon^r. &ca^s. Power to provide for any that may be sent round to you from this Place or Bengall that We may as Early as Possible acq^t. the President & Council of Fort William & Concert measures with them that only such may be detain'd in India as absolute necessity obliges us to.

The Admiral Vernon left Fort S^t. David for England the 1^st. March, the Bombay Castle and Chesterfield were dispatch'd thither from hence the former the 23d & the other the 25^th. of the same month & the Godolphin for the West coast to be fill'd up for Europe the 21^st. Ult^o.

We hope the Letter We wrote your Hon^r. &ca. under date the 12^th. Febry has reach'd you and that it will be in your power to assist us with a Reinforcement as We then requested which as the affairs of the Province are in as troublesome a situation as Ever and no prospect of their being accommodated, will be of very Great help to us more Especially since We understand the French have a very considerable number of Men Women & Children coming abroad who may be dailey Expected as five of there ships were at the Cape with the Clinton & Suffolk, and one nam'd L'August is already arriv'd at Pondicherry.

We herewith forward your Hon^r. &c^a. Council a Packet from the Court of Directors recēd by the Clinton and are,

HoñBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obed^t. Servants.
THO^S. SAUNDERS.
CHA^S. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
26^TH. MAY 1753.

N°. 62.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL AT
FORT MARLBOROUGH.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS,

The Godolphin sail'd from hence the 21^st. Ultimo to fill up at your Place, a Duplicate of what we then wrote you accompanys this.

On the 11^th. Instant arriv'd here from Europe our Honble masters ships Clinton & Suffolk by the former we receiv'd a copy of their Commands to you a transcript of which we now forward, you will observe their sentiments in many particulars concide [*sic*] with our Observations on the management of your affairs, We can add no more than that we expect a strict Compliance.

We lately receiv'd a Letter from the Governour & Council of Batavia enclosing a Copy of one they wrote you the 10^th. October in support of their right and pretentions to Natal, which place they claim by Right of Conquest as well as by exclusive agreements with the Natives, the Originals whereof they say are yet at Padang, whether these are Facts or not, it is impossible for us at this distance to come at so perfect a knowledge as you who are on the spot; we placed an entire confidence in your representations that on the strictest enquiry you could not find the Inhabitants had ever entered into any Contracts with any Nation, but were a free People, 't was in consequence of these assurances we permitted you to hoist his Majesty's Colours at Natal with this particular restriction however not to interfere with the Dutch or in the least degree infringe the Treatys subsisting We are sorry to observe it is likely to occasion such altercations with them, the force with which they urge their claim gives some reason to apprehend our Honble Masters have been put to a fruitless Expence at Natal, which must inevitably be given up if they make good their assertions, at the same time we do not mean to take whatever they say for Granted, nothing but full proof ought to weigh in Cases of this nature, but we would have you make the most impartial scrutiny you can, and if you should come to any satisfactory proofs of what they alledge in their said Letter, you must evacuate Natal as soon as possible for it would be both unjust and impolitic to persist contrary to conviction, but if after enquiry you should have any doubts remaining transmit us a full account of your proceedings and wait

our Directions, We have desir'd the Governour & Council of Batavia to furnish you with authentick Copys of the agreements under which they claim, to facilitate your enquiries, Copys of their Letter to us and Our answer come in this Packet for your Information.

We are,
WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your affectⁱᵉ. Friends &
Servants.
THOˢ. SAUNDERS.
CHAˢ. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXᴿ. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAˢ. BOURCHIER.

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE,
27ᵀᴴ. MAY 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH VIA BATAVIA BY THE PRINCE EDWARD.

1. General Letter to the Deputy Govʳ. & Council of Fort Marlborough dated 27ᵗʰ. May 1753.
2. Duplicate General Letter to Dᵒ. dated 19ᵗʰ. April 1753.
3. Duplicate Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Godolphin for Fort Marlboro'.
4. Second Bills of Lading for Dᵒ.
5. Copy General Letter from the Court of Directors to the Deputy Governʳ. & Council of Fort Marlbro' dated 1ˢᵗ. Decemʳ. 1752.
6. Copy General Letter from the Governʳ. & Council of Batavia to the President & Council of Fort Sᵗ. George dated 20ᵗʰ. October 1752.
7. Copy General Letter from the President & Council of Fort Sᵗ. George to the Governʳ. & Council of Batavia Dated 27ᵗʰ. May 1753.

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE, 27ᵀᴴ. MAY 1753.

CHAˢ. BOURCHIER,
Secy.

Nᵒ. 63.

TO THE RIGHT HONBLE JACOB MOSSELL ESQᴿ.
GOVERNOUR GENERAL FOR ALL AFFAIRS OF
THE HONBLE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA
COMPANY AT BATAVIA, AND TO THE
GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL THERE.

RIGHT HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We were not till very lately honoured with your Letter of the 20ᵗʰ. October last enclosing Copy of one you wrote to the Deputy Govʳ. & Council of Fort Marlbro'; we have with much attention perused and considered both, and cannot help expressing our great concern that whilst perfect Harmony and Friendship subsists between our two Nations in Europe, whilst it is so much their Interest to defend and protect each others possessions, any causes of dissention should arise in this part of the world, and that continual Complaints on either part should be made of mutual incroachments & Insults. We lately had the Honour of transmitting to your Excellency an authentick Narrative

of the unjust seizure of the Surprize sloop belonging to our Servants at Fort Marlbro by your agents at Pedang, accompany'd by an address from us on that subject, We have so much confidence in your Equity & Justice that We don't doubt but you will on conviction (which those proofs will abundantly afford you) cause ample satisfaction to be made the injured, On our parts We beg your Excellency &c^{a}. Council will be assur'd we shall always rejoice at every Opportunity of giving you Proofs of our earnest desire to promote a good understanding between us, in the case now before us with respect to Natal we are at present incompetent Judges, on the one hand you alledge your exclusive Right to that & some other places both by Conquest & agreements with the Natives; on the other, our Honble Company's agents on the West Coast of Sumatra assure us that upon the nicest scrutiny into the Connections those Inhabitants have with other Nations they cannot discover that they have ever entered into any such exclusive contracts, but are quite a free people and consequently at liberty to trafick with or admit into their Country whom they please, On perusal of the enclosed Extracts of Letters recd from and wrote to our agents at Fort Marlbro it will appear the Invitation from the Natives to make a settlement at Natal was not accepted without first obtaining all the satisfaction that could be procured of the Legality of such an undertaking your Excellency &c^{a}. Council very justly say you are obliged to maintain and defend to the utmost of your Power the Rights & perogatives [*sic*] of your Company, you cannot therefore but allow it equally right in us to act on the same plan, which will not suffer us to part with any of our Honble Company's possestions untill we are thoroughly convinced by ample and authentick proofs that their Title is invalid, we only wait for such, and have directed the Deputy Gov^{r}. & Council at Fort Marlbro' to throw off all partial attachment, to examine candidly into the merits of the case, and to withdraw themselves from Natal immediately, if they should discover by satisfactory proofs that the Inhabitants are under any such contracts as can seclude other Nations from trading with them, but if there should remain any doubts, to transmit us a full account of their proceedings that we may give the proper orders in consequence. Your Excellency &c^{a}. Council assure us you have yet at Pedang the Originals of those agreements under which you claim, We persuade ourselves you will not hesitate to furnish us and Our agents at Fort Marlbro' with authentick copies of them to facilitate their own enquirys: These seem to us the measures most conducive to the end you and we desire which is to establish a firm union and cultivate a lasting Friendship, We flatter ourselves you will construe it so, and be assured We are with perfect Esteem,

Right Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed^{t}. hb̄le servants
Tho^{s}. Saunders.
Cha^{s}. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
27th. May 1753.

Extracts of sundry General Letters from & to Fort Marlbro.

From Fort Marlbro.
dated 31st. July 1751.

No. 1.

Repeated Solicitations having been made us from Natal for the English to reside there, the Natives being deem'd a free People and they themselves declaring so and are under no Exclusive Contract with any Nation whatever,

We are therefore now preparing the Swallow Sloop to go there with a covenanted servant in order to enquire into the Truth of the affair & We should be Glad of your Honr. &ca. directions on this head as we imagine our settling there will be of service to our Honble masters the natives promising to be Industrious in the Cultivation of Pepper.

4th. Octor. 1751.

No. 2.

To Fort Marlbro'.

We have no objection to your sending a Resident to Natal If the case be as you represent it; Upon these occasions It must always be considered. that you act upon legal authority.

15th. & 20th. Febry 1752.

No. 3.

From Fort Marlbro'.

In our last we inform'd you of our Intentions to take possession of Natal & accordingly on August 6th. Sloop Swallow was sent there with Mr. Jno. Saul who arriv'd Sepr. the 7th. and after havg. made the strictest Enquiries He could not find the Inhabitants had ever entered into Contracts with any Nation; wherefore consonant to our directions He hoisted English Colours sign'd agreements with them in the name of our Honble Masters, We have since recd Letters from the Headmen of that Place & the Sultan of Manancabow, Signifying their staisfaction at our complying with their Invitation and giving the strongest assurances of their not being engaged under articles with whatsoever Powers & Expressing their willingness to cultivate the growth of Pepper.

To Fort Marlbro.

5th. Janry. 1753.

No. 4.

In new acquisitions great Circumspection must be used that you no ways Interfere with the Dutch or in the Least degree Infringe the Treaty subsisting; however upon the Invitations of any of the Great men of the adjacent Places to settle among Them we would have you so farr comply as to hoist our Colours there and Enter into Contracts with them being first well assur'd the Dutch have no Claim thereto.

No. 64.

To Thomas Cooke Esqr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Your several Letters of the 19th. 22nd. 23d. & 25th. are duely Come to hand and yesterday arriv'd here the Sloop Syren with the Deputy Govr.

As We observe the great distress you are in for Cash We have come to a Resolution to return the Syren Sloop to you with a supply as soon as she has landed her Gunpowder and as We are of opinion with you that Granting Bills on us at 5 days sight may be a Greater Encouragement to the paying money into your Cash We admit of your drawing them accordingly.

Another Sloop being dailey Expected from Bombay with an additional supply of five hundred Barrells of Gunpowder we think it necessary to direct that you land the same & dispatch the Sloop to us & as we have reason to believe the Shirly a country ship coming from Bengall has some also on board, you will take that ashore likewise.

We think there is no time to be lost in laying in a store of Grain, as you represent you have none in Garrison, both in regard to this being the proper season & the little probability of being able to get any Quantity from the Country by & by from the present prospect of affairs, You will therefore let it be done with all Expedition.

We have Considered the subject of the Widow Amoinichens Petition and have agreed to allow her Pags. 5 ℔ month which your military Paymr. must discharge.

Being in want of two pair of Europe Smiths Bellows, If you have any in store let them be sent Us by the first Opportunity.

With regard to Shaike Hussain's Effects We would have you take an Inventory of them which you'l forward to us when we shall Give you directions what to do with them. We are

GENTLEMEN,
Your affecte. Friends & servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
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JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH MAY 1753.

No. 65.

TO THE HONBLE RICHD. BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We have by this Pattamar address'd Your Honr. &cs. under date the 26th. Instant and the next day we were favour'd with yours of the 6th. by the Syren Sloop. She is now landing her Gunpowder & shott which is a very seasonable Supply, and we are much oblig'd to Your Honour &cs. for the same. We are concerned to find your honor &cs. cannot afford us any assistance of military as we apprehend the supplies Expected by the French will be much Superiour to what we may receive this season and give them Greatly the advantage over us.

Having Occasion to send a supply of cash to Fort St. David we are under a necessity of dispatching the Syren thither for that purpose, the Roads being too hazardous to trust it Overland and there is no other Vessell here now bound thither.

We are,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedt. Servts.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
RICHD. STARKE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENY. POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
31ST. MAY 1753.

P.S. Since closing the above We are favour'd with your Honr. &cas. Letter of the 13th. May by the Sea Horse.

No. 66.

To Thomas Cooke Esq^r^.
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen,

The Calcutta Brig^ne^.arrived here the 2^d^. Instant and brought us your Letter of the 31^st^. Ultimo.

By the Syren Sloop on whom the Deputy Gov^r^. will return We shall send you Two hundred Barrells of Gunpowder some spare arms & a supp^y^. of Broad Cloth. The other Sloop from Bombay is arr^d^. here.

As we think it may be reasonably be apprehended that none of the expected Shipping from Europe except the Winchelsea will touch at your Port having no orders to do it from home; should any appear in sight passing by we would have you stop them by a Signal & land all the Officers & Military with such stores as you have occas^n^. for & the Gunpowder they may have on board consign'd to us You may likewise take ashore 25 Pipes of Madeira Wine from the Winchelsea for the use of your Settlement and advise us of the Quantity that is landed by the Cap^t^. & Officers. The Gunpowder We have rec^d^ lately from Bengall being extremly bat [*sic*] it may be imagined What the Shirly has on board is little better you must therefore as soon as it is landed make Trial of it & should it turn out so reserve it for Salutes only the Invoices, & Bill of Lading of it are inclosed.

As we before mentioned we think the Mayor's Court the properest place to decide the affair between Andeapah's Heirs & The Creditors to his Estate Wherefore We can say nothing to it nor would We have you interfere in it.

We take notice of your proceed^gs^. in regard to Verdachelum on Receipt of Intelligence that the Enemy had sent a party that way, and approve them.

We shall discharge the Bills You have drawn in fav^r^. of Alex^r^. Wynch Esq^r^. & Boocungee Cossidoss.

As We Observe Cap^t^. Clarke has resigned the Service We shall fill up his Vacancy.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your affectionate Friends
& Serv^ts^.

Tho^s^. Saunders.
Rich^d^. Starke.
Cha^s^. Boddam.
Hen^y^. Powney.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s^. Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
6^th^. June 1753.

No. 67.

To Mess^rs^.

Phipps
Revell
Harrington
Hull &
Smith

Supracargoes of Ships Clinton & Suffolk.

Gentlemen,

In answer to the Letter you wrote us the 14^th^. Ultimo We are to acquaint you, that having landed the several articles consign'd to this Presidency by our Honble master's ships Clinton & Suffolk, We now deliver the Commanders

their Sailing Orders for proceedg. to Canton, We have receiv'd from the Honble Court of Directors the same Instructions as you mention for Loading on board these ships any Goods We might procure Proper for the Canton market which We have not been able to effect and indeed by the latest advices from thence very few things will answer there so well as Bullion.

As it may be apprehended the King of Quedah's Resentment is not yet subsisted [*sic*] havg. no information to the contrary, We are of opinion it would be highly improper to touch there.

The manifests Victualing Bill & Copy of the Commanders Sailing Orders We now Inclose. Wishing you all Imaginable Success

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your most Obedt. Servants,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
RICHD. STARKE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
8TH. JUNE 1753.

No. 68.

TO FREDERICK PIGOU ESQR.

SIR,

Having receiv'd advice from England this Season that Two Cases of Broad Cloth were consign'd to this Presidency by the Rhoda last year but omitted to be inserted in our Invoice by that ship. By that mistake They were continued on board her & Carried to China. Wherefore as we suppose They must have been left with you We are to request If they bear an advantageous Price that you will dispose of them & remit us their produce in Gold otherwise return us the Cloth by any good conveyance that offers.

We are,
SIR,
Your most Obedt. Servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COLL.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8TH. JUNE 1753.

No. 69.

TO CAPT. JOHN NANFAN
OF SHIP CLINTON.

SR.

Having landed all the Goods consign'd to this Settlement You will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton in China where on your arrival you are to follow such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Edward Phipps, Henry Revell, Jos. Harrington, John Hull & Thos. Smith appointed Supracargoes of your Ship. Dated in Fort St. George this 8th. day of June 1753.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
RICHD. STARKE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 70.

To Capt. William Wilson
of Ship Suffolk.

Sir

Having landed the Goods consign'd to this Settlement You will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton in China where on your arrival you are to follow such Orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Edward Phipps, Henry Revell. Jos: Harrington, John Hull & Thomas Smith appointed Supracargoes of your Ship. Dated In Fort St. George this 8th. day of June 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Richd. Starke.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 71.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Your Letters of the 3d. & [6th.] Inst. have been duely receiv'd & agreable to what We wrote you the 6th. We now dispatch to you the Honble Company's Sloop Syren with a supply of One hundred thousand Rupees & Twenty five thousand Pagodas, some Broad Cloth, Medicines, Gun Powder, Shot & Small arms as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed; Your last Indents for stores shall be complied with as soon we are furnish'd with them and a Conveyance offers.

The Deputy Govr. returning by this Conveyance carrys with him Copy of the List of Investment to be provided on the Coast this season with our Honble Master's Instructions & Remarks thereon which you must very strictly adhere to be no less diligent in Your Endeavour to remedy the Great Complaints of the bad Quality of your Investment in General, as you will observe a Considerable abatement in the Prices of the Goods at Home we make no doubt of your Exerting yourselves thereon to the utmost of your power.

After delivering her consignments you will return the Sloop to us with what Bales you have on hand.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends &
Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Richd. Starke.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
10th. June 1753.

No. 72.

To Mr. Page Keble,
Commr. of Sloop Syren.

Sir,

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your vessell & make the best of your way to Fort St. David & on your arrival there to follow all such orders as you shall Receive from the Deputy Govr. & Council for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 10th. June 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Richd. Starke.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 73.

To Thomas Dorril Esqr. Chief &ca.
Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen,

Since our last to you of the 28th. December 1752 We have only received One Letter from you of the 22d. January enclosing a Packet from Bombay.

The Admiral Vernon sail'd from Fort St. David the 1st. March, the Bombay Castle was dispatch'd from hence the 23d. and the Chesterfield the 25th. of the same month all for Europe directly, and the Godolphin for the West Coast the 21st. April to be filled up there and sent home.

The 11th. Ultimo imported here Our Honble Master's ships Clinton & Suffolk & yesterday the Marlborough anchor'd in our Road, two days before the Latter left the Cape the Edgbaston & Boscawen sail'd from thence, all bound to this Place & China and we are in hourly expectation of their arrival as well as the Harcourt.

By the enclosed List of ships destin'd for all parts of India this Season you will perceive that with those which remain'd of the last, there will be a very large Tonnage on hand, and the present face of affairs gives us reason to apprehend We shall not be able to load home more than two ships, We hope it will be in your power to contribute something towards the dispatch of the rest. We have desir'd the Honble the President & Council of Bombay to acquaint us Whether they think it will be in their power to provide for any, and what Tonnage more than the ships Consign'd directly to them, and we are now to desire you will from time to time advise us what Prospects you may have of Your Investment that We may concert measures with the Gentlemen at Bengal for saving our Honble Masters as much of the heavy Charge of Demorage as possible.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. Servants,
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
10th. June 1753.

No. 74.

To George Scott Esq^r. Chief
&c^a. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen,

Our last to you was the 10^th. August 1752. We have none of Yours to reply to and this is purposely to advise you that Our Honble Mast^rs. ships Clinton & Suffolk from England arrived here the 11^th. ultimo and Yesterday the Marlborough imported, two days before the latter left the Cape the Boscawen & Edgbaston Sailed from thence so that we are in hourly Expectation of their arrival as well as the Harcourt, all which are bound to this place & China.

The ships dispatch'd from this Coast for Europe are the Admiral Vernon the 1^st. the Bbay Castle the 23^d. and the Chesterfield the 25^th. of March. The Godolphin Sailed the 21^st. April to fill up at the West Coast & proceed home from thence. It would be a great satisfaction to us could we contribute as largely to the dispatch of this years shipping but the unsettled state of the Country leaves us no room to expect We shall be able to provide for more than two ships. We hope the Gentlemen at Bombay will have it in their power to lend a helping hand and we have desired them to acquaint us whether they can assist & how far; We have also wrote to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to advise us what prospects their Investment affords and we are to desire you will do the same that we may the better be enabled to concert measures that Our Honble Masters may suffer as little as possible.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.

Tho^s. Saunders.
Cha^s. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s. Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
10^th. June 1753.

No. 75.

To M^r. George Dawson
at Devecotah.

Sir,

Since writing you the 25^th. April We have receiv'd your Several Letters of the 29^th. of that month 7^th. & 25^th. Ultimo and 12^th. Instant.

The Boat with the Piles & Erkwood is arrived here, We have not yet made a Trial how the latter answers made into Charcoal, you must therefore deferr sending any more till you hear further from us.

As We are entirely unacquainted how you are supplied with Stores & Military Stores, you must send us an account Remains as soon as possible.

We think it necessary to prevent accidents that you should always have a supply of Grain in Store for your Garrison, and would accordingly have you lay in a Quantity of Paddy sufficient for three or four months Expence.

We imagine the last Return of your Garrison is imperfect, Wherefore you must send us a Correct One by the first Opportunity.

We are,
Sir,
Your affectie. Friends,

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
The 18th. June 1753.

No. 76.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Our Honble Masters Sloops Syren & Sea Horse being Order'd by the President & Council of Bombay to touch here to Land some shott & Gunpowder for this Presidency, We now Dispatch to your Honor. &ca. the latter by whom We have taken the Opportunity of forwarding supplies of money & Stores for the use of our Northern Factorys which We have Given Orders to the Commander to call at Vizagapatam to Deliver The Syren We have been under a necessity of sending to Fort St. David with a supply of Cash & Stores having no other Opportunity of sending them. We expect her back shortly when We shall dispatch her to your Honr. &ca.

The Gunpowder your Honr. &ca. have been pleased to supply us with has prov'd So Extreamly bad that One Ounce of it would not move a shell out of a mortar when at the same time the like Quantity of what is made here threw it above 40 Yards as you will Observe by a Copy of Our Engineers Report Inclosed, as it may therefore in a Case of Extreamity be rather a Disservice to Us than Otherwise, We hope your Honr. &ca. will fall upon some means of having it better made when a further supply will be of some assistance to us, but as it is at Present we can Venture to put it to no other use than for salutes.

Several Country ships from yours and Other places having imported at the Moors Ports to the Southward of us whereby Our Honble Masters Customs have been affected We think it necessary to transmit your Honr. &ca. Copy of a Standing Order of the Honble Company's in the year 1743, forbidding such practices, which We make no doubt of your Honr. &cas. Endeavours to put a stop to.

With Regard to the Admiral Vernon's Stay on the Coast which you take notice of We must Observe to you that She did not arrive here till the 7th. Febry. in the Evening and her Dispatches were Sign'd & sent to her the 21st. following.

We were not Ignorant of Charter party Terms in regard to Salt petre, but as the quantity on board the Homeward bound shipping so much Exceeded the usual Proportion We thought it very reasonable to Expect some mention of it in your Honr. &cas. advices if it had been intended [*sic*] at whole Freight and

With Respect to St. Helena Stores altho they are not included in the ships Charter Party Tonnage yet as we are directed to lade the stipulated Quantity on board Each ship Should it not be done by your Honr. &ca. we could not but

look upon it as necessary We should have been advised If any were on board the Homeward bound Shipping as some of the Commanders declared they were entirely Ignorant thereof.

Your Honr. &cs. may be assured We shall detain no more of the Expected Treasure from Europe this Season than We are absolutely Obliged to answer our Own Exigencies.

We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servants,

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
20th. June 1753.

List of the packet to Bengall ℔ Sloop Sea Horse Vizt.

No. 1 General Letter dated 20th. June 1753.
2 Dup. General Letter do. 12th. May 1753.
3 Extract of the Genl. Letter from England to Fort St. George dated 31st. Janry. 1734.
4 Copy of the Ingineer's Report of Gunpowder.
5 Acct. Disbursements on Sloop Sea Horse at Fort St. George.
6 Inventory of Stores on bd. Sea Horse Sloop.
7 Accot. three months Provisions supplied the Sea Horse Sloop.
8 Abstract of three months Impress to the People belonging to the Sea Horse Sloop.

Chas. Bourchier,
Secy.

Fort St. George 20th. June 1753.

No. 77.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

Our Honble Masters sloop the Sea Horse proceeding to Bengall now calls at your Settlement to deliver You a supply of money consisting of fifty thousand Rupees (50,000) and thirty five thousand (35,000) Madrass Pagodas, of which ten thousand (10,000) are for Ingeram and the like sum for the use of Madapollam Factorys, You will receive also some Broad Cloth & packing stuff as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed.

As We have reason to believe the Company's Sortment of Chints for the Europe market can be very well executed at Your settlement and at Reasonable Terms We send you herewith a parcell containing Eleven Patterns with musters of the Cloth us'd for Painting and would have you make a Trial how it is likely to answer, as soon as you have done send us the musters with an account of the Expence of it.

Inclos'd is Duplicate. of Our last, We are,

Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 78.

To Mr. Foss Westcott
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir,

Since writing you last the 21st. Ult°. We have receiv'd Your Letter of the 10th. Ultimo with Your accounts.

On the Sea Horse Sloop bound to Bengall which We have Order'd to touch at Vizagapm. We have sent for the use of your Factory Ten thousand /10,000/ Madrass Pagodas and by the Charles Scooner you will receive a Supply of Packing Stuff, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed. We are,

Sir,
Your affectie. Friends,
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
20th. June 1753.

No. 79.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Madapollam.

Sir,

By the Honble Company's Sloop Sea Horse having sent a supply of ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas for the use of your factory, We now Inclose you Invoice of the same as well as of two Bales of perpetuanoes Consign'd you by a county Vessel named the [*lacuna*].

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last, Your Letter of the 2d. Instt. is just arriv'd.

We are,
Sir,
Your affecte. Friends,
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George,
20th. June 1753.

No. 80.

To Mr. John Spencer
Master of Sloop Sea Horse.

Sir,

You are hereby ordered to repair on board Your Vessell and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where having delivered the accompanying Packet with the money & stores We have laden on board you Consign'd to the Chief & Council there, you are to proceed without Loss of time to the River of Bengall

& on your arrival at Calcutta to deliver the Letter You will receive herewith to the President & Council of Fort William Whose Orders are to direct your future Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 20th. day of June 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 81.

To the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The Chief & Factors of Anjengo having transmitted us the accompanying Packet for your Honr. &ca. which came in three days past, Gives us the Opportunity of acquainting you with the arrival of Our Honble Master's ships Marlborough, Edgbaston & Boscawen from England bound for China, the latter met in her passage the Drake homeward bound from Canton & mentions the Strethams having been at & left the Cape sometime in February. The Clinton & Suffolk were dispatch'd from hence the 9th. Inst.

Herewith We send your Honr. &ca. another Packet receiv'd from the Honble Company by the Marlbro also Duplicates of Our last Letters of the 26th. & 31st. Ulto. and are

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
28th. June 1753.

No. 82.

To Capt. William Parkes of Ship Marlborough.

Sir,

Having landed the Goods Consign'd to this Settlement you will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton in China where on Your arrival you are to follow such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Frederick Pigou, Henry Hadley and Thomas Fitzhugh appointed Supra Cargoes of your Ship.

We think it necessary to Caution You against touching at Quedah in the Streights of Malacca unless unavoidably obliged thereto as we have not received any information that the King's resentment is yet subsided. Dated in Fort St. George, the 2d. day of July 1753.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 83.

To Messers. Frederick Pigou, Henry Hadley
& Thomas Fitzhugh, Supracargoes of
the Ship Marlborough.

Gentlemen,

The Several Consignments to this Presidency by our Honble Master's ship Marlbro being landed We have this day delivered Capt. Parks Orders to proceed directly to Canton & on his arrival there to follow such directions as he shall receive from you for his further proceedings We have also cautionn'd him against touching at Quedah as it may be attended with some risk.

Agreeable to the Orders we have received from the Honble Court of Directors for loading on the ships destin'd for Canton such Goods as we might Judge proper for the China market, We should have complied, had we been able to procure any, but this has not been in our Power besides, our latest advices inform us very few things will answer there so well as Bullion.

We now enclose you the following Papers:

Copy of the Marlborough's Charter Party.

Copy of Capt. Park's Commission to seize unlicens'd persons.

Copy of his Instructions.

Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Marlborough in England for Fort St. George & China.

Copy of the Marlborough's Victualling Bill.

Account of Goods in private.

Trade landed at Fort St. George out of the Marlbro.

We hope in a few days to address you again by the Edgbaston, in the mean time We are,

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
the 2d. July 1753.

No. 84.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Your Several Letters of the 21st. 22d. & 25th. Ulto. are all duely come to hand.

We are concern'd to Observe the Syren sloops long passage made you apprehend a Want of Cash for paying the Military the beginning of this month; should she not yet be arrived, as your Occasions are so pressing for money We would have you send a Boat with a European in it for the Box of Pagodas & supply her with Provisions & Water that she may not by want of them be reduced to the necessity of bearing away for this place.

On Mr. Cooke's taking his Seat at Our Board the Usual Oath of Fidelity to the Company was omitted to be administer'd to him & Security Demanded of him. You must therefore now tender him the said Oath & require of him to find Security in four thousand Pounds Sterling [4,000] which must be noted upon Consultation.

This morning arrived here Our Honble Master's ship Montford Capt. Frederick Vincent who left England the beginning of February.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your affecte. Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
3d. July 1753.

No. 85.

To the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

By the Montford that arriv'd here from England the 3d. Instant which she left the beginning of February bound for Coast & Bay We are acquainted by our Honble Masters that they have given directions to your Honour &ca. In case We should Esteem the Swallow a proper Vessell for their Service to be Employ'd between this place & the West Coast to send her round to us for that purpose; We therefore now dispatch this Pattamar purposely to advise your Honr. &ca. that as she is a Europe built Vessell We have the greatest reason to imagine She is very Ill adapted to the Heat of the Climate which has a great Effect upon all Europe Wood from whence It is Evident she would last but a very Inconsiderable Time in Comparison to the ships of this Country, and be at a very large Expence in Continual Repairs, Besides having a few months since purchased a new ship of about three hundred Tons for the Company, We are of Opinion she will be sufficient for the West Coast Service & We shall therefore have no occasion for the Swallow, The Montford touch'd at Johanna & sailed from thence the beginning of June where she left the Harcourt bound for this Place and China, the Portfield for Coast & Bay & the Salsbury for Persia & your port.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last under date the 28th. Ultimo & We remain

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servants,

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
9th. July 1753.

N°. 86.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We last address'd your Honour &ca. by the Sea Horse sloop under date the 20th. Ulto. the Duplicate of which is Inclosed.

Our Honble Master's ship Montford arriving here from England the 3d. Instant bound for Coast & Bay We now dispatch her to your Honr. &ca. with fifty chests of Treasure in the same proportions of Bullion, Arcot & Madrass Rupees Your Honour &ca. were pleased sometime since to desire & have not since Contradicted. The Military she brought out though Design'd for your Presidency, We have been under the necessity of detaining here, as the numbers of Recruits already received by the French from Europe this Season would otherwise give them too great a superiority over us, and the affairs of the Province, We are concern'd to say yet continue so unsettled that It is impossible for us to form any Judgement when It is probable they will be accomodated. Capt. John Howes who is come out also for your Settlement stays with us and We have given him a Brevet to act in that station in your Detachment now on the Coast, We are sorry to acquaint you with the Death of Capt. James Chase who died in Pondicherry being taken prisoner at the Surrender of Trivady, Ensign Cudmore is still there under those unhappy Circumstances.

We have taken the Liberty of landing the Small Arms Consign'd your Honr. &ca. by this ship as our demand for them is so great, We shall However by some of the latter ships forward a proportion of what are design'd for you By them, but with regard to the Military, We think it our Indispensable Duty to detain the whole & from the destressed Situation of this Coast We persuade Ourselves Your Honr. & ca. will be of the same Opinion.

The several ships bound for China are safely arrived here, the Clinton & Suffolk have already been dispatch'd thither & the Boscawen & Edgbaston will in a day or two, as will the Harcourt as soon as We can possibly unload her. The Portfield for this Coast & the Bay is nowhere but having no opportunity of sending a supply of Officers & military to the southward which is at present immediately necessary We shall in a day or two send her to Fort St. David for that purpose and on her return dispatch her to your Honr. &ca. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort Sr. George,
15th. July 1753.

List of papers in the Packet to Bengal p. Ship Montfort.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 15th. July 1753.
2 Invoice of Treasure laden at Fort St. George on the Montfort for Bengal.
3 Bill of Lading for do.

4 Invoice of Sundrys laden in England on the Montfort for Bengal.
5 Bill of Lading for dº.
6 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize laden in England on board the Montfort for Coast & Bay.
7 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort Stᵗ. George out of the Montfort.
8 Copy of the Montfort's Victualling Bill.
9 Duplicate General Letter to Bengal dated 20ᵗʰ. June 1753.
10 Copy of the Engineer's Report of Bengal Gunpowder.
11 Extract of the General Letter from England to Fort Stᵗ. George dated 31ˢᵗ Janry. 1753.
12 Packet recēd from England ℔ Harcourt for the President & Council of Fort William.

Chaˢ. Bourchier,
Secʸ.

Fort Sᵀ. George,
15ᵀᴴ. July 1753.

Nº. 87.

To Capt. Frederick Vincent
of Ship Montfort.

Sir,

You are hereby required & directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your Way to the River of Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honble Roger Drake, Esqr. President & Governour &cª. Council of Fort William whose Orders are to direct your future Proceedings.

Thomas Saunders.
Chaˢ. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexᴿ. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chaˢ. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
15ᵀᴴ. July 1753.

Nº. 88.

To Messʳˢ. Frederick Pigou, Henry
Hadley & Thomas Fitzhugh,
Supracargos of the Ship Edgbaston.

Gentlemen,

The Marlborough sailed from hence the 4ᵗʰ. by her We addressed you under date the 2ᵈ. Inˢᵗ. and forwarded the several necessary papers relating to that ship.

We have this day delivered Capt. Edward Tiddeman his sailing Orders directing him to proceed directly to Canton & not to touch at Quedah unless unavoidably Obliged thereto as we are yet doubtfull whether it may not be attended with some risk.

By the Marlborough we acquainted you that Our Reasons for not Loading any Goods on that ship were that we knew not of any proper for the China market as we are advised nothing would answer so well as Bullion which reason still subsists.

You will receive the following papers in this Packet Viz^{t}.

Copy of the Edgbastons Charter party.

Copy of Cap^{t}. Tiddemans Instructions.

Copy of his Commission to seize unlicensed persons.

Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licens'd to be shipp'd on the Edgbaston in England for Fort S^{t}. George & China.

Copy of the Edgbastons Victualling Bill.

Account of Goods in private Trade landed at Fort S^{t}. George out of the Edgbaston.

We are,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most hum^{ble}. Servants,

THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE,
16TH. JULY 1753.

N°. 89.

To CAP^{T}. EDWA^{D}. TIDDEMAN
OF SHIP EDGBASTON.

SIR,

Having landed the Goods consign'd to this Settlement you will repair on board & Make the best of your way to the River of Canton in China where on your arrival you are to follow such Orders as you shall receive from Mess^{rs}. Frederick Pigou, Henry Hadley & Thomas Fitzhugh, appointed Supra Cargos of your ship.

We think it necessary to caution you against touching at Quedah in the streights of Malacca unless unavoidably obliged thereto, as it is yet uncertain whether the King's Resentment is subsided.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE,
16TH. JULY 1753.

N°. 90.

To RICH^{D}. STARKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOV^{R}.
&C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

By our Honble Master's ship Portfield which we now dispatch to you We have sent a Detachment of 237 Military & Officers to Reinforce the Army, You will on their arrival order them to Camp & to proceed in such a manner

as there is the least probability of their being Intercepted by the Enemy as soon as they are landed you will return the Portfield to us immediately.

We are,
GENTLEMEN,
Your affectionate Friends & Servants,
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18TH. JULY 1753.

No. 91.

TO CAPTAIN CARTERET LE GEYT
OF SHIP PORTFIELD.

SIR,

Having put on board your ship a Detachment of military & Officers for Fort St. David you are hereby required & directed to repair on board & proceed there with all possible Expedition, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governor &cs. Council there & to follow such Orders as you shall receive from them for your future proceedings.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18TH. JULY 1753.

No. 92.

TO RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Letters of the 4th. 8th. & 9th. Instant are Come to hand.

The Master of the Syren wrote Us under Date the 28th. ultimo that Mr. Starke when he left the Sloop promised to send him Provisions and Water but that the Boat was returned, he had received none and if not supplyed by the sixth he must bear away This supineness is surprizing. The President received a Letter from Mr. Starke acknowledging Receipt of his of the 3d. wherein he had told him it was necessary the Treasure should be sent pr. Boat and advising that a Genl. Letter would be sent for that Purpose after this writing us you had Consulted on this Affair was rather too late, in future on such Emergencies your Resolutions should be suitable to the Occasions, more Expeditious.

We have already given you directions concerning Cawn Moodelaire's application the Govr. and Council of the Presidency have always avoided deciding, Cases of Property, they have actually no Right to do it, We Esteem it very Difficult to Come at the Truth of these Peoples Affairs and Our Choultry Justices except in petty Cases have always recommended to arbitration. We Order therefore you do not interfere in it by authority. The Parties

may apply to the Mayor's Court, If this is illconvenient to arbitration but herein they are at full Liberty to Chuse their arbitrators where they please and no Compulsive measures must be made use of What you say in Regard to this affecting your Investment is Idle & Childish for Cawn Moodelaire's Demand, admit it was Just does not Exceed six or seven thousand Pagodas and his Debt to the Company is upwards of Eighteen thousand Pagodas and We well know this Man has always kept a large Ballance in his hands and there is Room to believe Employ^{d}. it in Private Trade; when he has paid the whole of his Ballance but this sum there might be a slight shadow of reason in what you say, but when they tell you the Circumstances of Times will not admit of their bringing in Cloth We see no Occasion for money to remain in their Hands to Carry on Private Trade.

You have been very Dilatory of Late in forwarding your accounts which keeps Us back in Ours, We cant admit of it and they must be sent us immediately as well as your account with the Nabob, and in future let it be transmitted monthly with your Other accounts. Inclosed is the Form of a Monthly abstract of Expences of this settlement with the Reasons Assigned for the Increase or decrease in them, you are to draw out such a one monthly to be forwarded with the Rest of your Accounts, that we may be Enabled to see at One View the State of your expences and give the necessary directions in Regard to them.

Docter Archibald Keir who was Entertained for the Army must attend the Detachment thither which is gone on the Portfield, You must Order Surgeon's allowances to be paid him from the time of his arrival at your Place, but no Batta, as he has not been in the Field.

Inclosed is an Extract of an Acc^{t}. of Goods over and wanting in the Cargoes of several ships dispatch'd Home from your Settlement; what Deficiencies there are must be made Good by your Warehouse People, & the several Errors Rectified. We send you also Extract of Our Honble Master's Commands in regard to the account of Remains of Military Stores which you must Duely Comply with and send it us in time to be forwarded to England by Our Sep^{r}. Ship.

The Accompanying Letter for the Superior of the Jesuit Missionaries at Pondicherry you will send him whose answer as soon as you Receive it you will forward to us. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^{e}. Friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE,
19TH. JULY 1753.

P.S.—Enclosed is Bill of Lading for nine Chests of small arms & sundry other Military Stores Consigned to you by the Portfield which sailed from hence this morning & we hope will reach you in a few Days.

N^{o}. 93.

To CAP^{T}. BENJAMIN BRAUND
OF SHIP BOSCAWEN.

SIR,

Having Landed the Goods Consigned to this Settlement you will Repair on Board and make the Best of your way to the River of Canton in China where on your arrival you are to follow such Orders as you shall Receive from

Messrs. Thomas Liell Richd. Wood, Stephen De Visme, Mann Horner and Robert John Harrison appointed Supra Cargoes of your ship. We think it proper to Caution you not to touch at Cuddah in the Streights of Malacca unless absolute necessity Should Oblige you as We know not whether the King may not yet bear some Resentment to the English on Acct. of a misunderstanding which happened a few Years ago between him and the Commanders of some of the Company's ships.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
19th. July 1753.

No. 94.

To Messrs. Thomas Liell, Richd. Wood,
Stephen De Visme, Mann Horner and
Robert John Harrison Supra
Cargoes of Ship Boscawen

Gentlemen

The Several Articles Consigned to this Presidency by the ship Boscawen being landed We have this day delivered Captain Benj. Braund his sailing Instructions directg. him to proceed directly to Canton and on his arrival there to follow your Orders for his further Proceedings, We have Cautioned him against touching at Cuddah in the Streights of Malacca as We have no advices to be depended on whether the King may not yet bear some Resentment to the English on accot. of a misunderstanding which happened a few years ago between him and some of the Commanders of the Company's Ships.

Our Honble Masters have been Pleased to Direct Us to load on Board their ships bound from hence this season to China such Goods as We should Judge proper for that market and We are now to acquaint You that the Reason We have not done so is that We are very doubtful from Our late advices whether any thing will answer there so well as Bullion and We do not think it prudent to Risk any that might as Probably turn to loss as yield again.

With this You will Receive Manifest of Goods and Merchandize in Private Trade shipped on the Boscawen in England Account Private Trade landed here Out of the Boscawen.

Copy of the Boscawen's Victualling Bill.

Wishing you a speedy voyage & Success to Our Honble Master's Affairs under your management.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
19th. July 1753.

No. 95.

To the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The motive for dispatching this Pattamar to your Honour &ca. is to forward two Packets received within these three Days from Tellicherry & Anjengo for your Presidency, also another Packet from the Honble Court of Directors brought Us by the Harcourt who arrived with Us the 11th. Instant as did the Portfield the 14th. The Monfort was Dispatched to the Bay the 15th. Instant The Edgbaston the 16th. and Boscawen the 19th. for China and We hope the Harcourt will be able to follow them very soon. The Syren sloop being Returned from St. David, will sail for Bengall in a Couple of Days, calling at Vizagapatam in her way to land some Treasure & Stores for the Use of our Northern Factorys.

The Inclosed is Duplicate of what We wrote your Honour &ca. the 9th. Instt. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
24th. July 1753.

P.S.—After Closing the foregoing, yesterday late in the Evens. arriv'd here Our Honble Master's Ships Falmouth & Egmont for Coast & Bay they saw the Wynchelsea of Zeloan who is Ordered to touch at St. David.

July 25th. 1753.

No. 96.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Depy. Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

Our last was dated the 19th. Instant We have since received your Letters of the 17th. & 19th. with your Consultations and Monthly accounts The Syren has delivered all her Bales according to Invoice.

The Falmouth and Egmont Europe Ships arrived here the night before last & acquaint Us that they parted with the Winchelsea off Ceylone from whence We Conclude she must be arrived with you by this time: As We imagine the Demands of the Military Officers in Camp will make it necessary you should be largely supplied with Madeira Wine, instead of Five & twenty Pipes you have Our Permission to land Fifty and to prevent any Private advantages being made by it, We think it necessary to Direct that no one be permitted to purchase on their Own Account above two pipes.

By the Portfield We sent you a supply of small arms, Flints & Sundry other Military Stores of which We now forward the Invoice The Memorandum account of Military Stores you sent us has been delivered to Mr. Pybus for his Explanation of it, We shall as soon as We have his answer give you Directions about them.

The Honble Company having thought Proper to Order the appointment of two Persons to Proceed to Fort Marlbrô as Supervizors to inspect into the late management of their affairs on that Coast We have nominated Messrs. Dawson Drake & John Walsh for that purpose, & Mr. Drake must, accordingly Prepare himself to proceed there when there may be an Opportunity of which We shall give him timely Notice.

The Portfield having 2406 Barrs of Russia Iron on board Consigned to this Presidency. We think it will save some expence to land it at your Settlement also 20 Barrells of Gunpowder as We shall be under a necessity of sending you them by some Other Conveyance; You will therefore Order the Captn. to Deliver the same. We are.

Gentlemen

Your Affecte. Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
26th. July 1753.

No. 97.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We Dispatched Our Honble Masters Ship Montfort the 15th. Instant with a Genl. Letter of that Date of which Duplicate is Enclosed & hope she is safely arrived.

The Syren Sloop being Returned from Fort St. David furnishes Us with the Opportunity of now acquainting you with the arrival here of the Honble Company's Ships Falmouth and Egmont from England the 24 Instant. They saw the Winchelsea off Ceylone who is Ordered to touch at St. David having Colonel Scott on Board & We Make no doubt is arrived there before this time. The Edgbaston & Boscawen are both sailed for China, the first the 16th. & the Other the 19th. Instant. The Harcourt will follow them very shortly.

Having Laden some Money & Stores on board this Vessell for our Northern Factorys We have given the Commander Orders to call at Vizagapatam to Deliver them.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
the 27th. July 1753.

List of the Packet to Bengall Pr. Sloop Syren.

1. Genl. Letter dated 27th July 1753.
2. Duplicate Genl. Letter dated 15 July 1753.
3. Duplicate Invoice of Treasure laden on the Montfort for Bengall.
4. Second Bill of Lading for Do.
5. Account of Stores supplyed the Syren Sloop.

 Papers recd. from Bombay to be forwarded.
6. Inventory of Stores on Board the Syren Sloop.
7. Abstract of 3 Months Impress for Ditto.
8. Account of 3 Months Provisions supplyed Do.

Charles Bourchier,
Secry.

Fort St. George, the 27th. July 1753.

No. 98.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 27th. Ultimo by which We are glad to Observe the safe Arrival of the Sea Horse Sloop with you. We now dispatch the Syren with further supplies of Treasure and stores for the Use of the Several Factorys, Vizt. One Hundred thousand (100000) Rupees & fifteen thousand (15000) Madrass Pagodas for your settlement, Fifteen thousand (15000) Madrass Pagodas for Ingeram, and Ten thousand for Madapollam, as ℔ the Invoice & Bills of Lading.

We are sensibly to Observe You have yet made but a very indifferent progress in your Investment, We had hopes the Early supplys you were furnished with would have been an inducement to your merchants to have acted with more alarcity, We need not tell you how Great a dependance We are Obliged to have on your Performances in the present distressed situation of affairs here, & the Necessity there is for your Greatest diligence to Promote this Branch of Our Honble Masters affairs so Extreamly Essential to their Interest. The Large Proportion of Cash you have already been furnished with and what We now send you is the whole that We shall be able to spare you from Our Own Occasions, till We receive a further supply from England which We now acquaint you with that you may suit your Measures accordingly; We are Coining some Copper Money for the use of Yours & the other Factorys & shall forward it as soon as it is ready, that you may no longer suffer the Inconveniences you imagine to Arise from the want of that Article, We are pleased to find you give us some hopes of Success in the Painting of Chints & approve of your having added some of your own Patterns Inclosed We send you an extract of the Account of Goods over and wanting by the ships that arrived in England in 1752 which you will Regulate in your Books.

We have delivered Vizaram Rauze's Gomasta Ten Candys of Gunpowder for his Masters Use amounting to Pagodas Three hundred & fifty (350) This amount you will Receive of him and bring to our Credit.

Inclosed is Extract of Our Honble Masters Commands received this year Concerning the Remains of Military stores at the Several settlements you will see the same duely Complied with and forwd. the account to Us in time to be sent to England by Our September ship.

We likewise Enclose you the Form of a Monthly abstract of Expences Compared w^th^. those of the proceeding [*sic*] Month with the Reasons assigned for their Increase or Decrease, you must every month with your Other Papers transmit Us such an account that We may at one view have a perfect knowledge of your Expences & thereby be Enabled to make such Observations concerning them as may be necessary.

We have Ordered M^r^. Heath at Bandarmalanka to proceed to your settlement where he is to Remain till Colonel Scott's arrival under whose Direction he is to be.

We are
GENTLEMEN
YOUR AFFECTIONATE FRIENDS
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
THE 27 JULY 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO VIZAGAPATAM ℔ SYREN SLOOP.

N^o^. 1 Gen^l^. Letter dated 27^th^. July 1753.
2. Invoice of Treasure & Stores shipped on the Syren Sloop for Vizagapatam.
3. Bills of Lading for D^o^.
4. Extract of the Gen^l^. L^re^. from England dated 24^th^. Jan^y^. 1753.
5. Extract of the Accounta of Goods over and wanting by the ships arrived in Eng^d^. Anno 1752.
6. Form of a Monthly Abstract of Expences.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secry.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE, 27^TH^. JULY 1753.

N^o^. 99.

TO M^R^. FOSS WESTCOTT
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR,

We have duely received your Letter of the 13 June and having well consider'd what you therein mention as well as the Contents of the several Papers inclosed We are of opinion that altho' it is a matter of dispute whether the Piece of Ground belongs to the Sunerapollam or Yanam Renters yet as the same was cultivated and the Paddy sown by the latter they certainly have the best right to the produce and for that reason would have you deliver it up to them nevertheless dont mean by this that they shall have liberty to do so again but direct that the decision of the dispondees in the case be punctually adher'd to in future of which you will make Publick Declaration.

By this opportunity of the Syren Sloop We have sent fifteen thousand (15000) Madras Pagodas to Vizagapatam for your use As we shall be unable to spare you any more this season you must be careful to make use of this sum & what you have already receiv'd in such manner that you may have no occasion to apply to us for any more till we are furnish'd with further Remittances from England. The Affairs of the Province remain so much unsettled that We

can have no certain dependance on our Investment hereabouts We are therefore reduc'd to the necessity of relying greatly on your performances and persuade ourselves your whole attention will not be wanting that they may prove agreeable to our Honble Masters which cannot fail of recommending you to them.

Having promoted Lieut. Grant to the Command of a Company We inclose you his Commission, & would have him take the first Opportunity of coming hither.

No opportunity offering directly to your Place We have not been able to comply with your Indent for Gun Powder nor can we spare the Quantity you and the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam require We have supplied them with a hundred Barrells and you must Write to them for it as you want some stationary & other Articles as ℔ Invoice are now forwarded by the Sloop there.

We are
SIR
Your Affect. Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 27TH. JULY 1753.

P.S. Inclos'd is a form of an Extract to be made monthly from your Accounts Assigning the reason of their increase & decrease you must not ommit to send us such an one every month with your other papers you will also receive an Extract of the account of Goods over & wanting by the ships arrived in England in 1752 by which you will rectify your books.

No. 100.

To MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT MADAPOLLAM.

SIR

Your letter of the 4th. Instant reach'd Us the 20th. We are concern'd to find you have difficulties to strugle with in your Investment. We hope very soon that occasion'd by the want of Copper Money having order'd a Quantity to be coin'd which as soon as it is ready, We shall send to Vizagapatam We are not without aprehensions that The French being your Competitors may prove prejudicial to you but assure ourselves of your best endeavours to prevent it as much as possible We make no doubt the plentiful supplys We have already sent you with the Addition of fifteen thousand (15000) Madrass Pagodas you will now receive by the Syren Sloop bound to Vizagapatam will enable you the better to do it as we continue in a very troublesome situation and at no certainty how we may succeed in our Investment. We are obliged to depend greatly on yours & what is provided at our other northern Factory's and hope you[r] Performances may be such that we shall have no reason to complain of. We have now assisted you with as much Cash As we can possibly spare from our own occasions till we are further supplied from England you must therefore be careful to manage in such a manner as not to be reduc'd to the necessity of applying to us for any more this season.

We have by this sloop sent you some stationary as ℔ Invoice.

The Honble Company having order'd Mr. Heath to be an Assistant under their Engineer General Colonel Scott, He must proceed to Vizagapatam and wait Colonel Scott's arrival who call there in his way to Bengal.

Inclosed is the Form of a monthly abstract of Expences shewing their Increase or decrease from which you are to draw out one Monthly of the Expences of your Factory and forward to us with your other Accounts.

We are
Sir
Your Affect. Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George.
the 27th. July 1753.

No. 101.

To Mr. Page Keble
Commander of Sloop Syren.

Sir

You are hereby required & directed to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief & Council there and having landed the Treasure and other Articles We have laden on board you for the use of our Northern Factory's you must proceed without loss of Time to the River of Bengall & on your arrivall at Calcutta deliver our Packet directed to the Honble President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to observe for your future proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George this 27th. Day of July 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 102.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentn.

We have received your several Letters of the 24th. 26th. & 27th. In the 26th. you advise that you had Directed the Portfield to proceed with Capt. Ridge's Detachment to Deve Cottah which is agreeable to what the President wrote Mr. Starke and which we approve; Your advising him to wait there is needless because you must know that the Recruits must be train'd before they can take the Field; and without you are well assur'd the Swiss landed from the Winchelsea are disciplined Men, they may be of disservice instead of advantage. Lieut.

Repington's Command would have been of infinite Use but they are advanc'd too far, therefore immediately advise Mr. Lawrence of the March of these Men that He may concert measures for their joining him. You will detain the Portfield no longer than absolutely necessary. The French Deserters who we certainly conclude have enter'd into our service may be sent here by the first conveyance.

As the shipping from England are now all arriv'd We are about making a Calculate of the Treasurer [*sic*] it will be necessary for us to reserve for the use of the Coast of which We shall send you further supplys as we have Opportunitys.

We have given you our sentiments very fully on the subject of Cawn Moodelees Petition. The Charter for Establishing a Mayor's Court is arriv'd by the Falmouth but does not admit of determining Causes that may happen between the Natives only, Who are in that case to decide them among themselves unless both Parties shall by consent submit the same to the determination of the Mayor's Court; which you will signify to the Parties concern'd.

Having appointed Mr. John Browning to assist in our Export Warehouse you will direct him to come here by the first opportunity. We shall when a conveyance offers send you an Assistant in his Room.

We send you inclosed a Letter to be forwarded to Pondicherry And are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affect. Friends & Servants
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27TH. JULY 1753.

No. 103.

TO MESSRS. MORDECAI WALKER AND
ROBERT MACKET
SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIP HARCOURT.

GENTLEMEN

Having landed from the Harcourt the several Consignments for this Presidency We have this day given Capt. Wm. Webber his Dispatches ordering him to make the best of his way directly to Canton and on his arrival there to follow the orders he may receive from you for his further proceedings. As it is uncertain whether the King of Cuddah may not still bear some Resentment to the English on Account of the misbehaviour of some Commanders of the Company's ships here a few years ago, We have caution'd Capt. Webber against touching at that Port.

We are directed by our Honble Masters to load on board their ships bound to China this season any goods We might Judge propper for that market which We should have complied with but from late advices have room to doubt if any thing will prove so advantagious as Bullion.

Inclos'd you will receive Manifest of Goods and Merchandize in private Trade shipp'd on the Harcourt in England.

Account of Private Trade landed here out of the Harcourt.

Copy of the Harcourt's Victualling Bill.

We wish the ship a Quick Passage and that success may attend you in the management of our Honble Master's Affairs being

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
31st. July 1753.

No. 104.

To Capt. William Webber
of Ship Harcourt.

Sir

The several Articles consign'd from England by your Ship for this Presidency being landed you are hereby requir'd & Directed to repair on board and proceed without loss of Time to the River Canton in China; On your arrival there you are to follow such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Mordecai Walker & Robert Macket Who are apointed the Supra Cargoes of your ship.

We think it proper to caution you not to touch at Cuddah in the Streights of Malacca unless absolute necessity should oblidge you, as it is uncertain whether the King may not yet bear some Resentment to the English on account of a misunderstanding which happen'd a few years ago between him, & the Commanders of some of the Company's Ships.

Dated In Fort St. George the 31st. day of July 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 105.

To David Hunter Esqr.

Sir

We take the Opportunity of the Brigne. Hydrabux a Country Vessell bound to Pegue to send you four Leaguers of Arrack & two Pipes of Madeira Wine which we apprehend you will have occasion for the Gentlemen in Bengall write us they should comply with your Indent by a sloop in this month before which time it was impracticable for a Vessell to proceed from thence to the Negrais and that they should endeavour to prevail on some Artificers to go in her but as they are chiefly Gentoos were of opinion it would be without effect.

We had the pleasure to learn from Vizagapatam of your arrival and departure from thence and persuade ourselves it won't be long before we have an account of the Success you have met with in your undertaking which we hope s been attended with no material difficulties.

Our Honble Masters several ships from Europe bound to this Port of India this season are all safely arriv'd Those destin'd for China have been dispatch'd accordingly, and one for Bengall the Remainder are now waiting here for the coining their treasure when that is compleated they will proceed there also.

We are

SIR

Your most Obedient Servants

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8TH. AUGUST 1753.

No. 106.

To THOMAS DORRIL ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you under date the 10th. June and the 21st. Ulto. were favour'd with a Letter from you of the same date, The Packet with your advices for the Honble President & Council of Bombay was safely deliver'd to us and forwarded directly by a Pattamar.

Our Honble Master's several outward bound Ships for this Place have safely arriv'd. We have dispatch'd those bound for China & the Montfort to Bengall as We shall the others in due time. The Elizabeth which came in last the 29 Ulto. met with the Pelham the 20th. May about 300 Leagues to the Eastward of the Cape and as the Wind continued favourable or her several days afterwards Capt. Wills acquaints us He thinks there is no room to doubt of her having got round.

We inclosed send you the Duplicate of our last and are

GENTN.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
10TH. AUGUST 1753.

No. 107.

To GEORGE SCOT ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Since writing you under date the 10th. June whereof Duplicate is enclosed We have receiv'd your Letters of the 28th. May and 30th. June As well as the

several Packets accompanying Them; Those for Bombay were immediately forwarded by Pattamars; The one for our Honble Masters will be transmitted by the ship we shall dispatch for Europe in September which will be the first conveyance from hence.

We have now the pleasure to advise you that Our Honble Masters' Ships bound hither have safely arriv'd the several for Canton have been dispatch'd thither, The Montfort has left us for Bengall as will those remaining here as soon as we have coin'd their Bullion except One We purpose detaining till the Return of the Colchester from Pegue or the Delawar from Batavia Either of which that may arrive in time We design for our Europe Dispatch next month. From Capt. Wills in the Elizabeth We learn He met the Pelham the 20th. May about 300 Leagues to the Eastward of the Cape who had for severall days after a favourable Wind from whence He concludes she must undoubtedly have got round.

GENTN.
We are
Your most Obedient Servants
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. AUGUST 1753.

No. 108.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last by the Syren sloop who sail'd from hence the 27 Ulto.

This you will receive by our Honble Masters ship Portfield on whom we have laden Fifty Chests of Treasure consisting of thirty Chests of Madrass Rupees Ten Chests of Arcot Rupees & Ten Chests of Bullion as ℔ Invoice and bill of lading Inclosed We have landed the 20 Barrells of Gun Powder consign'd your Honour &ca. from England—by her.

The Winchelsea & Elizabeth are both arriv'd here and Coll. Scott having finish'd his survey of our Works We propose dispatching the former to Vizagapatam the day after tomorrow where she is to wait as long as the Coll. shall think necessary and afterwards proceed to your Honour &ca. the Harcourt left us the 1st. Instant for China, the other Ships as fast as we can coin their Treasure We shall dispatch to You.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11 AUGUST 1753.

List of the packet to Bengall ℔ Ship Portfield Vizt.

No. 1 General Letter to the Honble Presid: & Council dated 11th. August 1753.
2 Dup. Genl. Letter Dated 27th. July 1753.
3 Invoice of 50 Chests of Bullion & Rupees for Fort William ℔ Portfield amotg. to Ps. 125599–14–65.
4 First Bill of Lading for do.
5 Invoice of the Portfield's Cargo from England.
6 Bill of Lading for do.
7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize in Private Trade licensed from England ℔ Portfield.
8 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed by the Capt. & Officers of the Portfield at Fort St. George.
9 Copy of the Portfields Victualling Bill.

Charles Bourchier,
Secry.

Fort St. George 11th. Augt. 1753.

N.B. The Account of Goods & Merchandize in Private trade landed not being ready will be forwarded ℔ Winchelsea.

No. 109.

To Capt. Carteret Le Geyt
of Ship Portfield.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall and on your arrival at Fort William to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honble President & Council whose orders are to Direct your future proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George this 11th. day of August 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 110.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having laden on board the Shirley consign'd to Your Honour &ca. Five hundred Candys of Redwood We now inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same and are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
12th. August 1753.

N°. 111.

To The Honble Roger Drake Esq^r^.
President & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what we wrote your Honour &c^a^. by the Portfield the 11^th^. Instant We now dispatch to you the Winchelsea which in pursuance of our Honble Master's orders is to touch at Vizagapatam that Col^l^. Scott who is Passenger on her may take a survey of the Place after he has continued there as long as he may judge necessary for that purpose, Cap^t^. Baron has our orders to lose no time in proceeding to your Honour &c^a^.

We have by this ship consign'd your Honour &c^a^. Fifty Chests of Bullion and Rupees as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd Cap^t^. Baron & Officers have landed here & at Fort S^t^. David on account their Priveledge the 20 Pipes of Wine allow'd them by the Company.

We herewith transmit your Honour &c^a^. Duplicates of our Letters ℔ ships Portfield & Shirley dated the 11^th^. & 12^th^. Instant & Remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Tho^s^. Saunders.
Cha^s^. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
13^th^. August 1753.

List of the Packet to Bengall ℔ Winchelsea Viz^t^.

N°. 1 General Letter to the Honble President & Council dated 13^th^. August 1753 ℔ Winchelsea.
2 Dup: General Letter to d°.. dated 12 Aug^st^. ℔ Shirley.
3 Dup: D°. d°. . . . d°. 11^th^. d°. ℔ Portfield.
4 Invoice of Fifty Chests of Bullion & Rupees ℔ Winchelsea. amo^g^. to Pag^s^. 125599–14–65.
5 First Bill of Lading for d°.
6 Copy of Winchelsea's Charter Party.
7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize in Private Trade licensed from England ℔ Winchelsea.
8 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed by the Cap^t^. & Officers of the Winchelsea at Fort S^t^. George & Fort S^t^. David.
9 Copy of the Winchelsea's Victualling Bill.
10 Copy of Cap^t^. Barons Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
11 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed by the Cap^t^. & Officers of the Portfield at Fort S^t^. George.

Cha^s^. Bourchier,
Sec^ry^.

Fort S^t^. George 13^th^. August 1753.

No. 112.

To George Pigot Esq^r. Chief
&c^a. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters having appointed Lieut Col^l. Caroline Frederick Scott Esq^r. Enginer General of all their settlements in India, Major of their Garrison and Commander of their Forces in Bengal and standing third in Council there and directed him to call at your place to take a survey of its situation and give such directions in the regard to the Fortifications as he may judge necessary for its immediate defence He now proceeds on the Winchelsea for that purpose, and Inclos'd We send you an extract of our Honble Master's instructions to him relating thereto which you must pay due regard to During his stay with you, you are not only to shew him the respect suitable to his present Rank in his Majesty's service and his station in the Honble Company's but likewise to his distinguished merit and abilities.

By this ship We have sent you 60 Candy's of copper for Dubbs which, as we are now engag'd in coining of Rupees for Bengall, cannot be done in our mint, you must therefore procure the liberty of coining them at your settlement, and supply the Gent^n. at the other Factory's as they may require them to carry on their business you must remember to Issue them out at such a rate that our Honble Masters may be no losers by them.

We have sent on the Winchelsea Ten pipes of Madeira Wine for the use of your's & the other Factory's you must acquaint the President & Council of Fort William with the quantity landed by the Cap^t. & Officers on their Private Accounts.

Inclosed is the Account Sortment of your Cloth & Account Current with your Settlement also the Duplicate of our Letter to you under date the 27 Ult^o. by the Syren Sloop.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affec^t. Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexander Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George.
13^th. Aug^t. 1753.

No. 113.

To Foss Westcott Esq^r.
President at Ingeram.

Sir

Since writing you last the 27 Ult^o. of which inclosed is a duplicate We have receiv'd your Letter of the 7^th. and are concern'd to find our expectations of a prosperous Investment at the northern Factory's are likely to be disapointed by the troublesome situation the Country is now in from the differences that have arisen between the Nabob and Rajah, We can't but approve of your care to take in such Cloth only as is of a good sortment as our Honble Masters have been so particular on that head in their Directions this season, and hope you will meet with better success than you seem to imagine in regard to the number of Bales to be sent Us the end of this month The Dispatch that is requisite in

Coining Rupees for Bengall will not admit of our coining any Copper in our Mint for some time, We have therefore now sent a quantity to Vizagapatam to be made there, and have order'd the Gen^{t}. to supply you with what you may require for the use of your Investment.

Inclos'd is the Account Sortment of your Cloth and Account Current with your Factory.

We are

SIR

Your Affec^{t}. Friends

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
13 AUG. 1753.

THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

P.S. Having appointed Serjeant Black to be an Ensign We herewith inclose you his Commission.

N^{o}. 114.

To M^{R}. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT MADAPOLLAM.

SIR

Our last was dated the 27 Ult^{o}. by the Syren Sloop to Vizagapatam. The Winchelsea being to touch there also Gives us the opportunity of now forwarding to you the Duplicate of that Letter with the Account sortments of your Cloth an Account Current with you [*sic*] Factory.

By this Conveyance We have sent a Quantity of copper to Vizagapatam for Dubbs which We have order'd the Gent to procure permission to get coin'd there As the supply of Rupees We have to send to the Bay will not admit of our doing it for some time in our mint you must apply to them for what you may want for the use of your Investment.

We are

SIR

Your Affec^{t}. Friends

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
13 AUG. 1753.

THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

N^{o}. 115.

To CAP^{T}. CHRISTOPHER BARON
OF SHIP WINCHELSEA.

SIR

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam Where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council with the consignments We

have put on board you for that settlement and to continue there as long as Col^{l}. Scott may judge necessary to answer the intentions of his calling at that place you are then to proceed without Loss of time to the River of Bengall and as soon as you arrive at Calcutta to deliver our Packet directed to the Honble Roger Drake Esq^{r}. President & Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council of Fort William and follow such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings.

Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 13th. Day of August 1753.

Tho^{s}. Saunders.
Cha^{s}. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

N^{o}. 116.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq^{r}.
President & Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Seamen of the Falmouth having lodged a complaint with us against one M^{r}. John Bromfield the third Mate of the same ship. That he had by a kick been instrumental to the Death of one of their Comrades and had illtreated many of the rest which occasion'd the Major part of them to leave the ship and declare They would not proceed in her till they were redress'd This appearing to be a criminal case had we taken congnizance of it must have gone through a regular process and would have taken up a good deal of time and consequently been a detention to the ship Which as the season is now late and she is entirly loaded for your Presidency Circumstances We think of very material consequence to the Interest of our Honble Masters We have persuaded them to refer it to your Honour &c^{a}. determination which they agreed to upon Cap^{t}. Field's consent^{s}. that his Officer should go to Bengal on the Winchelsea otherwise They one and all absolutely refus'd to leave this Port and even after this shewd an unwillingness to comply till we made a promise to deliver them this Letter to your Honour &c^{a}. on the subject We are sorry to lead your Honour &c^{a}. into an Affair that is likely to give you some trouble which We desire you will be assur'd We should very readily have taken upon ourselves had not the circumstances attending it render'd it very Imprudent for us to interfere therein

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Tho^{s}. Saunders.
Cha^{s}. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

Fort S^{t}. George
20th. Aug^{t}. 1753.

N°. 117.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.

President & Govr. &cA. Council

of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Winchelsea carried your Honour &ca. our last bearing date the 13th. Instant We are now to acknowledge the Receipt of your Honour &ca's. letter of the 26th. May.

Conformable to our Honble Master's Commands to concert measures with your Honour &ca. for providing for the Tonnage on hand and to prevent any disappointments in shipping to carry home our respective Investment We are to acquaint you that the Delawar being arriv'd here from Batavia and Bencoolen and having room to believe We shall see the Colechester shortly according to what number of Bales We may expect (which is not yet certain) We shall fix upon one to proceed to Europe next month and shall dispatch the other to your Settlement as well as the Dragon so soon after she arrives as she has deliver'd her cargo and refresh'd her people.

Affairs being in so precarious a situation on this part of the Coast and to the nor'ward having an appearance of being involv'd in troubles soon It is impossible for us to say with any exactness what number of Bales We shall have for the Jaŋry dispatch. We hope a sufficiency to half load one ship which as we think it beyond doubt that some of those of the present season must remain in India and of course those that have been the longest abroad be first dispatch'd home agreeable to a late order from the Honble Company We therefore desire your Honour &ca. will send us the Durrington as early as possible that she may not run the Risk of losing her Passage round the Cape.

We have desired the Gentlemen at Bombay and the Settlements on the Malabar Coast to favour us with an Account how their Investments are likely to succeed and what number of ships it will be in their Power to provide for as soon as we receive their answer We shall communicate the same to your Honour &ca.

Having drawn out our Calculate of the treasure We shall require to answer all the Demands that We may expect to be made upon us; There remains thirty Chests to be forwarded to your Honour &ca. by this ship the Egmont & Elizabeth which with the hundred and fifty already transmitted your Honour &ca. by the Montford Portfield and Winchelsea We hope will be sufficient for your occasions; We have accordingly laden on this ship Ten chests of Bullion and Thirty Tons of Redwood as ℔ Invoice and bill of Lading Inclosed. The like quantity of Treasure in Rupees and as much Redwood will be forwarded your Honour &ca. by each of the others.

We have landed from this ship and the Egmont Thirty Barrells of Gunpowder and ten chests of arms each consig'nd to your Honour &ca. and as we have already represented to you the great necessity We are under for both articles We can't doubt but your Honour &ca. will readily concur therein.

We have been the more induc'd to this from the Consideration that as the Northerly monsoon will set in next Month you will not then have it so much in your power to send us what you might be able to spare of them but should you require any We can by the return of the shipping from your place furnish you with a supply.

Major Lawrence has been made acquainted with our Honble Master's resolution in regard to his not proceeding to Bengall during Col[l]. Scott's continuance in India.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed[t]. Servants

Fort S[t]. George,
24 Aug[t]. 1753.

Tho[s]. Saunders.
Cha[s]. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha[s]. Bourchier.

List of the Packet to Bengall ℔ Ship Falmouth Viz[t].

N[o]. 1 General Letter dated the 24[th]. August 1753.
2 Duplicate d[o]. d[o]. 13 d[o]. d[o]. ℔ Winchelsea.
3 Invoice of Bullion and Redwood ℔ Falmouth amo[g]. to Pags. 24811–0–16.
4 First Bill of Lading for d[o].
5 Duplicate Invoice of Treasure ℔ Winchelsea.
6 Second bill of Lading for d[o].
7 Invoice from Europe of the Falmouth for Bengall.
8 First Bill of Lading for d[o].
9 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on board the Falmouth for Coast & Bay.
10 Account of Goods and Merchandize landed by the Capt. & Officers of the Falmouth at Fort St. George.
11 Copy of the Falmouth's Victualling Bill.

Fort S[t]. George,
24[th]. Aug[t]. 1753.

Cha[s]. Bourchier,
Sec[ry].

N[o]. 118.

To Cap[t]. Tho[s]. Field
of Ship Falmouth.

Sir

You are hereby required and Directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall On your Arrival at Calcutta you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders you are to observe for your future proceedings dated in Fort S[t]. George this 24[th]. day of August 1753.

Tho[s]. Saunders.
Cha[s]. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha[s]. Bourchier.

No. 119.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We now dispatch the Delawar to you with a supply of Fifty Thousand (50000) Rupees Twenty five thousand (25000) Pagodas and sundry Wares and stores as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd she has likewise on board some Timbers but as We are not certain of the Quantity the Account of what we have receiv'd here and what should remain on board not corresponding with Capt. Winters, you will land the whole and acquaint Us of the number with their dimensions The Three Boxes of Medicines are design'd for the Garrison at Trichenopoly, and you will accordingly forward thither the first Opportunity. As soon as you have landed every thing from this ship you must put on board her what Bales you have ready and return her to Us without Delay.

The Revd. Mr. Stavely agreeable to his request has our permission for coming up hither.

We are
Gentn.
Your affect. Friend[s] and Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
26th. Aug: 1753.

No. 120.

To Capt. Thos. Winter
of Ship Delawar.

Sir

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr & Council and follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 26th. day of August 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 121.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you by the Falmouth the 24th. Inst. of which a Duplicate is Inclos'd We now dispatch to you our Honble Master's ship Egmont with ten Chests of Madrass Rupees & Thirty Tonns of Redwood as ℔ Invoice and bill of Lading. The Elizabeth will follow her tomorrow.

This morning arriv'd here our Honble Master's ship Dragon Capt. Henry Kent from Madagascar with one hundred and sixty five slaves on board on the Honble Company's account We are.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George,
the 28th. Aug: 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℘ Ship Egmont Vizt.

No. 1 General Letter dated 28th. Aug: 1753.
2 Dup: Do. Do. 24 do.
℘ Falmouth.
3 Invoice of Rupees & Redwood ℘ Egmont amos. to
Pags. 25723 . .11 . . 63.
4 First Bill of Lading for do.
5 Invoice from Europe of the Egmont to Bengall.
6 First Bill of Lading for do.
7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize Licens'd to be shipp'd on board the Egmont for Coast & Bay.
8 Copy of the Egmont's victualing Bill.
9 Account of Goods and Merchandize landed by the Capt. & Officers of the Egmont at Fort St. George.

Fort St. George 28 August 1753.
Chas. Bourchier,
Secry.

No. 122.

To Capt. Thos. Tolson
of Ship Egmont.

Sir

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall On your arrival at Calcutta you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to observe for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 28th. day of August 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 123.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We wrote you the 26th by the Delawar by whom we sent you a supply of Treasure with Sundry Wares and Stores and shall now reply to your several Letters lately come to Hand dated the 28th. & 31st. Ulto. 8th. 9th. & 18 Instant.

In regard to Cawn Moodelaire We before gave you our directions that he must either apply to the Mayor's court or chuse Arbitrators. The Charter expressly excepts to the former and we shall always esteem the Latter as best Calculated for the natives. The Parties have each his free Choice of his Arbitrators nor are they confin'd directly to Fort S^{t}. David but may have Merchants belonging to other Places This we are assur'd is the most likely to promote Justice, as you must as well as We know that it will prevent the Effect of Party's which generally subsist You must leave to both an Entire freedom of chusing such Arbitrators as are agreable to them and not suffer compulsive means to be made use of.

Cap^{t}. Keble wrote the President that M^{r}. Starke promis'd to supply him with provisions as soon as he arriv'd at S^{t}. David and that if he did not receive them by the 6th. He must bear away. Certainly the sooner it had been done the better.

We have consider'd what M^{r}. Drake mentions in Regard to his health which we dont imagine to be so much impair'd as to prevent his executing the charges We have appointed him to and therefore as we before directed would have him get ready to proceed to Fort Marlbrō and soon as he has settled his affairs come hither in order to take his passage by the first conveyance M^{r}. John Pybus who is appointed to his station & employ we have order'd to prepare to go to you by the next Opportunity.

You did very right in ordering Cap^{tn}. Ridge with his detachment not to advance any further than Deve Cottah as it was agreable to what the President & Major Lawrence wrote to the Deputy Governor.

We don't disapprove of your method of dispos^{g}. of the French Deserters on which however as there was time to receive an answer from hence before the ship left your Port it would not have been amiss to have waited our opinion.

As there is a considerable deficiency in the Madeira Wine this Year by Leakage that the Honble Com^{y}. may be no sufferers by it You must charge Sixty Pagadas ℔ Pipe for all you dispose of.

M^{r}. Lawrence acquainting us that the King of Tanjore had lent him Two Candys of Gun Powder We would have you take the first Opportunity to repay him.

We are concern'd to find the difficulties attending the bringing the Cloth from Salem which the Merchants alledge to have ready there as without it we have too much reason to aprehend from the inconsiderable quantity you Have yet on hand that your Investment will be but indifferent They may be very well assur'd no assistance in our power to afford them shall be wanting but as the Mysore Army seems to be just in the Roadway from Salem We imagine nothing under a very considerable Escorte will be of any service and such a one it may not be convenient to detach from the Army. We shall however mention it to Major Lawrence We cant give our consent to their disposing of it.

Inclos'd is an account of the valuation of the several Articles you receiv'd from the Winchelsea & Portfield for the Amount of them We have debted [*sic*] your settlement you must send us as soon as possible your open Account Current with this Presidency that we may make the necessary Adjustments and close our books.

Having sent you a supply of arms by the Fanny sloop We now forward the Invoice and bill of Lading On her took passage M^{r}. Alex^{r}. Baird whom we have appointed an Assistant to you in the room of M^{r}. Browning his Salary has been paid him to the 25th. March his Diet allowance for this Month and the usual gratuity for the Expence of removing.

As it's Lieu^{t}. Keene's Request to resign his commission you will let him know he has our permission for it.

As we think it necessary the arrival of the Charter and the Purport of it should be proclaim'd at all the Company's Settlements We send you inclos'd the Copy of a paper affix'd at our gates on this occasion which you must likewise order to be affix'd to yours.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affect. Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE.
29TH. AUGUST 1753

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 124.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Egmont left us the day before yesterday with our Last to your Honour &ca. dated the 28th. Instant The Elizabeth now Waits on you with the same Quantity of Treasure and Redwood she carried as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed We have landed the Gun Powder consign'd to your Presidency by this ship for the reasons already mention'd to your Honour &ca. which we doubt not will prove satisfactory.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. servants
THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31ST. AUG: 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL ℔ SHIP ELIZABETH VIZT.

No. 1 Genl. Letter dated 31st. August 1753.
2 Dup: do. do. 28 do. ℔ Egmont.
3 Invoice from Europe of the Elizabeth for Bengal.
4 First Bill of Lading for do.
5 Invoice of Rupees & Redwood ℔ Elizabeth amos. to Pags. 27453–18–54.
6 First Bill of Lading for do.
7 Dup: Invoice of the Falmouth for Bengal.
8 Second Bill of Lading for do.
9 Dup: Invoice of the Egmont for Bengal.
10 Second Bill of Lading for do.
11 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on the Elizabeth.
12 Copy of Elizabeths Victualing Bill.
13 Account of Goods and Merchandize landed by the Capt. and Officers of the Elizabeth at Fort St. George.

FORT ST. GEORGE
31ST. AUG: 1753.
JOSIAS DU PRE.
Sub Secry.

No. 125.

To Capt. Edward Wills
of Ship Elizabeth.

Sir

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall on your arrival at Calcutta you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to observe for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 31st. Day of August 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 126.

To the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We last address'd your Honour &ca. by a Patamar the 24th. July and three days past were favour'd with your letter of the 23d. of that month inclosing Bills of Exchange for one hundred and three thousand one hundred and twenty five Arcot Rupees (103,125) on Ojadut Nemidas of this place which having been presented to him He has accepted and promised payment of When it becomes due We shall accordingly receive the amount and agreable to your Honour &ca's Request forward the same to the Honble President & Council of Fort William by the Dragon belonging to our Honble Masters who imported here the 28th. Ult°. and will be dispatch'd for Bengall in a few days.

We have the pleasure to advise you that our Honble Masters Ships Elizabeth & Winchelsea have both arriv'd here and with the Falmouth & Egmont have since proceeded to the Bay as did the Harcourt for China the 1st. August The Delawar is return'd to us from Batavia and We shall dispatch her to Europe as soon as We have it in our power to load her.

Capt. Henry Kent and Mr. Michael Morgan Agents of the Dragon for purchasing a Cargo of Slaves at Madagascar having receiv'd of the Agents of the Swallow 71 slaves Vizt. Men 53 Women 13 Boys 4 & a Child. We must desire you will favour us with the amount of their Cost that we may bring them to Account.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

Fort St. George,
11th. Septr. 1753.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 127.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The Bombay Frigate being to touch at your Place We have by her sent you six Chests of small arms as ℘ Invoice and bill of Lading Inclosed which are to be deliver'd to the Govr. of Tranquebar in return for the like quantity receiv'd from him at your Settlement for the Company's use last year. We can't comply with your Indent for drums & Brass Wire Sives having receiv'd none from Europe this season nor any in store.

We can't help saying We think Mr. Drake has trifled with us greatly in regard to proceeding to the West coast which we can't dispense with He must therefore on Mr. Pybus' Arrival who We before told you is appointed to his station & Employs and takes passage on this ship, deliver the same over to Him immediately & come hither by the first Opportunity. We are

Gentlemen
Your affect. Friends & Servants
Tho: Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
11th. Septr. 1753.

No. 128.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We wrote you yesterday by the Bombay frigate and are now to acknowledge the Receipt of your several Letters dated the 26th. & 30th. Ulto. 5th. 6th. & 7th. Instant.

The Dragon & Delawar are both arriv'd here the Bales by the former turn'd out agreable to Invoice We are sorry you had none ready to send us by the latter. as We shall stand in great nead [*sic*] of what you have on hand and as many more as we imagine you will be able to procure to compleat the Delawars Loading for Europe We mus[t] earnestly recommend to you to get them as fast cur'd as possible & to spurr up your merchants to exert themselves in bringing in their Cloth faster We have wrote to Major Lawrence desiring him to grant an Escorte to the Cloth from Salem If he judges it can be effected without any very great Inconvenience.

We have discharg'd the several Bills of Exchange you have lately drawn on us and purpose sending you a further supply of Cash shortly as you seem to be apprehensive you shall soon have occasion for it.

We have consider'd the Petitions of the measuring Farmer & Trepopilore Painters which you have transmitted us the request of the first that the Merchants may be obliged to pay him the Usual Customs We think so reasonable that We would have you insist on their compliance and afford him your Protection that he may in Every Respect enjoy the Priveledges allow'd him by this Cowle. You may grant the painters permission to dispose of the Goods they say they have on hand.

Our Honble Masters having this Year thought proper to make an alteration in the establishment of the Artillery Company's Each of which is to Consist of

A Captain of the Artillery . . . at . . .	Two hundred Pounds a Year.
First Lieutenant	One hundred.
Second Lieutenant.. ..	Ninety Pounds a year.
Third Lieut.	Ninety Do.
Six Serjeants	at Two Shils. a day ea.
Six Corporals	at One Shill. & 8 Pence a day ea.
Thirty Bombardiers ..	at one Shill. & 8 Pence a day ea.
Thirty Gunners	at one Shill. & 6 Pence.
Forty Matrosses	One Shilling.
Two Drummers	One Shill :

The Officers &c[a]. belonging to the said Company's must be paid agreable to the same from the day of the Arrival of the Honble Com[y]. directions thereon which was the 11[th]. of May by the ships Clinton & Suffolk I[n] all other respects the Regulations and Rules laid down in the Establishment Dated the 17[th]. June 1748 so far as is consistent with this new one are to remain in force.

We have found the method of Accounting for the Materials Expended in the Fortifications by the Engineer very imperfect which makes it difficult to know the exact amount of any Particular Work & have therefore come to a resolution that the several Articles be in charge of the Storekeeper & brought to account under the proper heads as was customary before M[r]. Robbins arrival which you will accordingly comply with.

In regard to the Military Stores remaining upon memorandum altho M[r]. Pybus has deliver'd Us a report concerning Them as He was in the Office of Military Storekeep[r]. at the Time they were Issued & can now by being at your settlement have recourse to all necessary Books and Papers He must adjust that Account in a proper manner.

We are
Gent[n].
Your affec[t]. Friends and Serv[ts].

Fort S[t]. George,
13 Sept[r] 1753.

Tho: Saunders.
Cha[s]. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha[s]. Bourchier.

N[o]. 129.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq[r].
President & Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since addressing your Honour &c[a]. by the Elizabeth the 31[st]. Ult[o]. We have receiv'd a Letter from the Presid[t]. & Council of Bombay Inclosing one for your Honour &c[a]. Bills of Exchange on the Shroffs of this Place for Arcot Rupees One hundred and three thousand One hundred and twenty five (103,125) to be forwarded to you which bills having been duely accepted We

now send you their amount by our Honble Master's ship Dragon with two hundred and twenty four Candy's of Redwood as ℔ Invoice and bill of Lading Inclos'd and are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^{t}. humble
Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George,
18 Sept^{r}. 1753.

Tho^{s}. Saunders.
Cha^{s}. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

P.S.—Since We dispatch'd the Syren to your Honour &c^{a}. the Gent: at S^{t}. David have sent us a List of stores supply'd that sloop which we forward in this Packet.

List of the Packet to Bengall ℔ Ship Dragon Viz^{t}.

N^{o}. 1 General Letter dated 18 September 1753.
2 Dup: D^{o}. d^{o}. 31st. August ℔ Elizabeth.
3 Invoice of Rupees and Redwood ℔ Dragon amo^{g}. to P^{s}. 32689–19–15.
4 First Bill of Lading for d^{o}.
5 Dup: Invoice of the Elizabeth for Bengall.
6 Second Bill of Lading for d^{o}.
7 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed in England to be shipp'd on the Dragon.
8 Aditional Manifest of d^{o}. d^{o}.
9 Copy of the Dragon's Victualling Bill.
10 Account of Goods and Merchandize landed by the Com^{r}. and Officers of the Dragon at Fort S^{t}. George.
11 Gen^{l}. Letter from the President and Council of Bombay.
12 List of Sundry's supply'd the Syren sloop.

Fort S^{t}. George 18 Sept^{r}. 1753.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier,
Sec^{ry}.

N^{o}. 130.

To Cap^{t}. Henry Kent
of Ship Dragon.

Sir

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the river of Bengall on your arrival at Calcutta you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to observe for your Proceedings Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 18th. day of Sept^{r}. 1753.

Tho^{s}. Saunders &c^{a}. Council.

No. 131.

To Rich^d. Starke Esq^r. Deputy Governour
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 15^th. reach'd us this morning whereby We are surpriz'd to observe though our orders were very positive in our Letter of the 11^th. for M^r. Drake's coming up here and M^r. Pybus's succeeding him in his station and employs you don't think propper to comply with them but make further representations on the subject We must Remark that this is not the first Instance of this kind of Behaviour which We cannot by any means approve of & therefore be assur'd We shall not be wanting in shewing a proper Resentment If we find any thing of the like in future, as We have already told you We have resolv'd that M^r. Drake must come hither you will please to acquaint him to do so as soon as he has settled the affairs relating to his employ's which we expect he will do forthwith.

We are
Gent^n.
Your Affec^t: Friends & Servants
Tho^s. Saunders.
Cha^s. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s. Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
18 Sept^r. 1753.

No. 132.

To M^r. John Andrews
Resident at Madapollam.

Sir

By order of the President & Council I now send you Express the Account sortments of your Cloth duely rectified that you may meet with as little hindrance as possible inclosing you[r] Books & am

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Cha^s. Bourchier,
Secry.

Fort S^t. George
19^th. Sept^r. 1753.

No. 133.

To Rich^d. Starke Esq^r. Deputy Gov^r.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gent^n.

By our Honble Master's Sloop Dragon We have now sent you under charge of a serjeant of the Artillery a supply of Twenty five thousand (25000) Pagodas, & some Packing stuff as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd as soon as

they are landed you must dispatch her to Us with all the Bales you have ready in which you will be as expeditious as possible as we propose she shall make another trip to you.

We are
Gent^{N}.
Your Affec^{t}. Friends & Servants
Tho^{s}. Saunders.
...
Henry Powney.
Alex^{R}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

Fort S^{t}. George,
25th. Sep^{R}. 1753.

N^{o}. 134.

To Rich^{D}. Starke Esq^{R}. Deputy Gov^{R}.
&c^{A}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 18th. Instant.

By our Honble Master's Sloop Dragon We have sent you a supply of twenty five thousand (25000) Pagodas and shall furnish you with more by the next good opportunity that offers.

Your advancing at once so large a sum as Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) to Irshapah Chittee only We think was improper, When it may be necessary to supply the Merchants with money the whole should have a proportion taking care that each sett have no more than Five Thousand (5000) Pagodas Which we judge a full sufficient sum to be in their hands in these precarious times.

We have perus'd Cootah's Petition by turning over his Cowle. We find Tenneveroy has not only sign'd it but is mention'd therein Jointly with him We can't therefore take upon us to make any alterations in it and as it is the usual custom for those nominated in the Cowles to be answerable for the Rent you must oblige Tenneveroy & Cootah to stand to their Agreement in that respect. Any Contract Cootah and Tenneveroy may have with Irshapah Chittee being of a private nature They must settle it amongst themselves.

We have said so much to you in regard to the matter in dispute between Cawn Moodelee and Tenneveroy that We have only to add. We can never consent to any compulsive means being used to oblige them to settle it and think it but reasonable that in referring the same to arbitration each party should have the Liberty of Chusing the Arbitrators If Tenneveroy apprehends a partiality from Persons chosen at S^{t}. David He is certainly right to insist upon having others Whom he imagines he can better rely on. The sum claim'd by Cawn Moodelee being farr short of the Ballance due from him to the Company We think it can be no hindrance to his bringing in Cloth for the overplus or discharging it otherwise. This You must insist on & and not permit him to amuse you with idle pretences.

We are entirely unacquainted with the orders Cap^{t}. Gardner had for cloathing the Bombay detachment or what stoppages have been made from the men on that account therefore can give you no directions about it.

By the Sloop we sent a box of stationary for the use of the Commissary in Camp when an opportunity offers you must forward it to him.

We don't observe in your Military Paym[aster's] accounts any pay Roll of Cap^{t}. Schaub's detachment at Pondicherry and only a particular sum inserted monthly for them. This is a very great omission for it is pretty certain some of the Men have deserted & others have died so that a larger sum has

probably been remitted there than was necessary you should have applied to Capt. Schaub for a regular pay roll monthly according to which He should have been advanced you must strictly observe this method in future and write to Capt. Schaub thereon immediately and for the Rolls for the Time past that the account of the pay &c^{a}. may be properly adjusted. We are

Gent^{n}.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier

Fort St. George
26 Sept^{r}. 1753.

No. 135.

To Rich^{d}. Starke Esq^{r}. Deputy Gov^{r}.

&c^{a}. Council of Fort St. David.

Gent^{n}.

The Brill arriv'd here the 28th. Ult^{o}. and brought us your Letter of the 26th. The Bales you sent us on her are now Landing We can't help saying that We think the Plea you urge for not readily executing our directions carry very little weight with it; If you found yourselves at any time liable to mistake our meaning from the dark & concise method of expressing ourselves as you alledge it would have been but right to have acquainted Us therewith immediately & not to have acted upon your own judgment at the same time that you were sensible it might be contrary to our Intentions from the imperfect knowledge you had of them But as we cannot recollect that any of our Letters to you are express'd in a manner the least unintelligible, you will point out to us in what particulars you look upon them to be so. It is certain that we are not very prolix in conveying our Orders to you on the subject of our honble Masters Affairs and We see no necessity for being so in matters of Business Indeed the Length of your Paragraphs both in your Letters & Consultations have sometimes inclin'd us to wish you had follow'd this method more as We have frequently observ'd so much said upon a trifling subject that it has been often difficult to comprehend the matter rightly which is generally the consequence of circumlocution. We must therefore recommend it to you not only as Essential to the quick dispatch of Business but to the explaining readily to us your sentiments to be more attentive to the subject you are writing upon than elaborate in stile.

Inclos'd is the Invoice of the Teak Timbers sent you by the Delawar. We are

Gent^{n}.

Your Affec^{t}. Friends

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
2^{d}. October 1753.

No. 136.

To Rich^D. Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.

Gent^N.

The Invoice of Teak timbers mention'd to be enclosed in the General Letter to you dated yesterday not being then ready by order of the President & Council I now forward the same to you & am

Get^N.
Your most humble Servant
Charles Bourchier,
Secr^y.

Fort S^t. George
3^D. Oct^R. 1753.

No. 137.

To the Honble Rich^D. Bourchier Esq^R.
President & Gov^R. &c^A. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honour &c^a. was by the Bombay Frigate dated the 11^th. Ult^o. of which you will herewith receive the Duplicate the Bills of Exchange receiv'd from your Honour &c^a. Which we then advised you had been accepted have been since paid and their amount was forwarded to the Bay by our Honble Master's ship Dragon who left this place the 19^th. Ult^o.

We have this year receiv'd from the Honble Company His Majesty's Royal Charter for erecting & holding Courts of Judicature but being at a Loss for the usual Ensigns of State, the Sword, Mace, Silver car &c^a. The French having Carried away What were before the Loss of the Place We are to request your Honour &c^a. will please to order to be made for us such as are used in your several Courts & forwarded them Hither by the first Opportunity after they are finished. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
Tho^s. Saunders.
Cha^s. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^R. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s. Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
3^D. Oct^R. 1753.

No. 138.

To Rich^D. Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.
&c^A. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

We wrote you last the 3^d. Instant and as we find M^r. Drake still declines proceeding to the West Coast We have appointed M^r. John Pybus to the Execution of that Commission in his stead with M^r. Walsh and M^r. Hugh

Norris to supply the Post of third in Council and to take upon him the Paymaster's Employs at your Settlement who will in consequence be with you by the first Opportunity As the Prince George's stay here will be no longer than immediatly necessary & it may be difficult for Mr. Pybus to find a conveyance hither We propose ordering her to touch at your Port to take him on board in her way to the West Coast As soon as Mr. Drake has settled his accounts We expect to see him here.

The Europe ship's dispatch drawing near you must send us without delay your account of Quick stock if there are any particulars which must come into it that can be immediatly ascertain'd the Company's orders are to supply the same by way of estimate and this you may very well do We cannot finish our Account without it therefore be as expeditious as possible.

We are
Gentn.
Your Affect. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier

Fort St. George
8th. Octo: 1753.

No. 139.

To Richd. Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Our last Letter to you was dated the 8th. Instant Agreable to what We then wrote you Mr. Hugh Norris now proceeds on the Dragon Sloop to your place & on his arrival is to be admitted to the Station We have appointed him to of third of your Council and to the Paymaster's Employs Mr. Charles Hopkins taking his passage on the sloop likewise. We have order'd her to carry him to His Chiefship at Deve Cotah from whence in her return she will call on you for what Bales you may have in readiness to send us.

Having found that the delivering the pay of each Company of Seapoys in to the Hands of the Subidar has given them an opportunity of abusing their people. We have now made it a practice for the Paymaster to pay each man separately which you will observe likewise as well as that none but effective men be put on the Rolls.

Your Letters of the 4th. & 6th. Instant are safely come to Hand We are

Gentn.
Your Affect. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
11 Octor. 1753.

N°. 140.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cottah.

Sir

Having appointed you to the Chiefship of Devecotah, you will take your passage on board the Honble Company's Sloop Dragon which we now dispatch thither for that purpose accompanying this Letter to Mr. George Dawson there on presenting to him the same he will deliver to you the charge of that settlement and stores which you must take with him an exact account of, & interchangeably sign an Acco[t]. remains of every article in the settlement As soon as this is finish'd He has our directions to come Here by the first opportunity & in his room We shall furnish you with another Assistant.

You must transmit us monthly the Acc[ts]. of the Settlement in the same manner as is done from the other Factorys and with them an abstract of each [month] expences compar'd with those of the preceeding month Assigning the Reasons of their encrease or decrease according to the Form herewith inclos'd It will be proper that you send us up the General Books of the Settlement for last year ending the 30th. April as soon as possible that our Accountant may make the necessary Adjustments with our Books before they are ballanced.

As we have fallen into a method here as well as in Camp for the Paymaster to pay each Seapoy separately instead of delivering to the Subidar the pay for the whole company which was found to admit of abuses We would have you follow the like practice and take care that none but effective men are put on the Rolls.

At present we are upon very good terms with the King of Tanjore which you will endeavour to improve by a courteous treatment of all his subjects near you.

If there are any Piles in readiness We would have you load them on the sloop but should there be none you will dispatch her back immediately ordering her to Call at S[t]. David in her way to take in any bales the Deputy Gov[r]. & Council may have to send on her.

As we understand that Customs have been taken on Goods imported at Deva Cota notwithstandin[g] our Sea Customers notes were produced shewing they had before paid it here As this is not usual at our other Subordinates When any Persons import Goods & can shew our Customers Certificate that they paid due Customs here it must not be demanded [once] again

We are
Sir
Your Affec[t]. Friends
Tho[s]. Saunders &c[a]. Co[uncil].

Fort St. George
11th. October 1753.

N°. 141.

To Mr. George Dawson
at Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 24th. Ult°. with your Accounts This will be deliver'd you by Mr. Cha[s]. Hopkins who is appointed to the Chiefship of your Settlem[t]. and you must therefore deliver over to Him the charge thereof

with a Regular account of All stores &c^{a}. belong^{s}. to the Garrison As soon as that is done you will take the first Opportunity of coming up hither.

We are
SIR
Your Affec^{t}. Friends

THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
11TH. OCT^{R}. 1753.

N^{o}. 142.

TO JOHN WALSH & JOHN PYBUS ESQ^{R}.

GENT^{N}.

Pa: 1 Conformable to our Honble Master's Directions to appoint Supravisors of their Settlements at the West Coast relying on your good conduct we have invested you with this Trust by the special commission now deliverd you a Trust Gentlemen of the Greatest Consequence the entire regulation of one of their Settlements is committed to your charge in the execution of it the greatest circumspection is requisite let impartial justice be your Guide retaliation must be made our Honble Masters for any frauds or embezlements and the Persons guilty of such Crimes degraded the Abuses innovations and neglect in the management of the several branches of Affairs have not immediately sprung up but are the effect of a Government very carelessly administer'd for many years you will root out these weeds & in their Place make such wholesome regulations as will restore things to their former channel and prevent the like in future and while you are thus doing justice to our Honble Masters you will consider also that the Welfare or ruin of their servants are depending therefore let your enquiry be extensive your examination mature and deliberate give a full Liberty to those against whom any charge may be exhibited to make their defence in writing or to produce such witness's as they may esteem necessary and as prejudices will creep into all Society's and Motives of Self Interest often biass mens minds be carefull to distinguish them from an honest Zeal and sincere intentions for the publick good for your Government. We deliver you a Copy of Our Honble Master's Letter concerning the West Coast M^{r}. Macrae's report of his Supravisonship an [*sic*] that of our Committee on the present situation of that Settlement as these are full we shall only in a cursory manner touch on the particular heads as an introduction to the subject which the several Books Papers & Acco^{ts}. with the Persons negotiating the different Employs will give you full information of.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. . . You are first to enquire what number of sloops are necessary for that service whether there are that number if not what wanting whether those they have are valued in proportion to their Burthen if overcharg'd from whence it arises if in god repair an [*sic*] if other wise why neglected whither from hence Battavia and their own Settlements they cannot be furnish'd with stores materials workmen and a Dock proper to refit them at a moderate Expence that they are serviceably employ'd and due Credit given them for it their Crews adapted to their Burthen these duely paid noneffective men upon

no Account suffer'd and that the Wages be not exorbitant We are convinc'd these sloops have often made Trips to Batavia to serve private purposes by which means the Company have been put to great Expences.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

3. . . That their Indent be for no more than what is necessary for the use of the Settlement if on receiveg. them there appears any difficiency they absolutely insist upon its being made good according to the tenour of the Bill of Lading. The several Wares & Stores should be deposited in proper Godowns care taken that they don't suffer thorough [*sic*] neglect and that such advance be put upon what sold to the Company's servants and Inhabitants as may make good any wastage or damage they are liable to there is a large head of deficiencies which must be strictly enquired into and demanded of those under whose charge such goods have been an exact Account Remains should be taken and for the future every person in possession must be responsible for any deficiency that may happen.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

4. . . The Sugar and Arrack Project by their representations promises success the small quantity of the former sent hither was good but care must be taken that the contract be kept up to Diam Macooly one of the Contracters has but a very indifferent character.

5. . . The Decrease in the pepper is what gives the greatest uneasiness several specious reasons are assign'd but the true one is carelessness and neglect the situation of every settlement must be strictly enquired into whether surveys are taken the Plantations renew'd in proper time rewards and punishments suitably distributed the Planters justly paid and not injured by putting upon them Cloth at exorbitant prices and whether their pepper be immediately brought to the scale or the People subjected to tedious delays. The old settlements of Marlbrô, Moco Moco and Sillebar are greatly decreased and the produce of the several new ones very sparingly answer the expence particularly croco such as appear unprofitable and don't admit of improvement should be withdrawn.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

6. . . In this there seems to have been great Remissness the natives have chearfully alway's submitted to the Government of the English and all their disputes & crimes have been judged and determined by a Court of Judicature consisting of the Deputy Gov^{r}. & the Leading Men of the Country these should be strictly kept up to and punishment inflicted adequate to the Crimes in regard to those who live at Marlbrô a day may be appointed once a week or month for hearing and deciding their disputes in which the strictest justice and impartiality should be observ'd.

7. . . If possible Sultan Ooloondeen should be prevail'd on to come to the Coast.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES.

8. . . Our Directions are to send an Engineer but we have not at present one for that purpose We have before given orders that no fortifications or buildings should be erected which must still remain in force take a survey of the several houses for Wares and Stores dwelling houses and other buildings and see they are put to their proper uses accomodations are wanting for the Company's servants We think a moderate monthly Allowance might be given them if the Repairing their sloops be feasable a proper store house may be built there an Estimate should be made of its expence and it must be standing Rule that no Building or repairs are to be set about on any Account without an Estimate being first read in Consultation and order made for the same.

9. . . The abuses concerning materials for buildings and Workmen employed on them must be enquired into and be put upon the old establishment the quality & prices & the Wages of Artificers must be attended to the payments must be punctual in money and not cloth on penalty of suspension.

SIXTHLY OF FACTORS WRITERS MILITARY OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOTS.

10. . . A Depravity of Manners has a long time prevail'd which must be discourag'd no one has shew'd a proper attention to his Business. We have wrote them fully & they have promis'd fairly you will see how these promises are perform'd & give the Directions you think necessary.

11. . . The Company write there is some reason to apprehend collusion between Mr. Hurlock and Mr. Hindley but by what information We can get it does not appear so and Mr. Hindley's character is that of being strictly honest in case it should appear otherwise the Company's orders of dismission must be observ'd.

12. . . The Military Regulations must be strictly observ'd in regard to Officers and Men. We believe the Buggueses and Arabs have always been paid in Cloth Coin which must not be suffer'd and what is still worse at the end of the month their whole pay has been deliver'd into the Hands of the Arrab Sardar and the Head Bugguese Diamacooly that it is a question whether the People receive half their due each man must receive his own Pay.

13. . . There is ill management in the charge of the slaves which must be rectify'd as well as care taken that the Credit for their Labour be agreable to their Expence.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

14. . . Let a List of their several Books be taken if any are difficient know the reasons of it & resent the neglect.

15. . . All accounts should be made monthly in Consultation sign'd by the Accountant as examin'd and by the Secretary as pass'd & the Ballances should be paid in it is a standing rule to have three Keys to the Cash Chest which should be examin'd if it agree with the balance.

16. . . The Expences of Marlbro as well as the Subordinates should be carefully look'd into especially the heads of Charges General Extraordinary & Allowances which we think may be greatly lessen'd.

SUPPLEMENT.

17. . . After having gone through the whole of your scrutiny collect to yourselves a general view of the settlement with it's dependances and give us your opinion what number of servants Military Country Guard you judge equal to the service on that Coast there will doubtless appear to you on the spot many other circumstances not mention'd in other Committee's reports or in this our letter We shall only add that you will observe as a general rule to punish all frauds clearly proved with dismission carelessness neglect & errors which all are liable to with a resentment suitable to their degree of prejudice abolish all bad customs which have subsisted many years and grown into a Rule and cut off all needless expences and be particularly carefull that justice in civil & criminal cases be duely administer'd We are assur'd that in the execution of your Commission you will behave with politeness to the Deputy Govr. & Council and with courtesy to all this will not weaken but add greatly to your authority & make a Confidence that may much facilitate your Enquiry's.

18. . . We deliver you our general Letter to the Deputy Governour &ca. Council in which we have advised them of your Commission and directed them to obey such orders and regulations as you shall make you will proceed on the

Prince George Capt. Burman and on your arrival there the servants civil & military must be summoned and your Commission read publickly We appoint your allowance to be the same as the Deputy Govr. the expences of the passage you must charge, our Honble Masters orders are that the Super Visors should continue there till their pleasure be known by such conveyances as offer write them & us fully the steps you have taken if you have by July or August next put affairs on such a footing that the presence of both is not absolutely necessary that We may have a clear knowledge of your proceedings. We would have one of you return to the Coast.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affect. Friends
THOS. SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 15HT. OCTR. 1753.

POST SCRIPT.

Many disputes have of late years arisen between the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbrō and the Dutch at Battavia on account of the pretensions the latter have set up to an exclusive trade to sundry Places on the West Coast of Sumatra and particularly of late in relation to a Settlement made at Natal which they claim by right of Conquest as well as the voluntary agreement & submission of the natives; on the other hand the Gentlemen at Marlbrō have repeatedly told us that on the strictest enquiry they cannot discover any right the Dutch have but on the Contrary that the natives are a free people you will enquire into this and all other p[r]etensions of the Dutch and if they appear to you well grounded give them such redress as you shall think reasonable be mindfull however strenuously to support the Company's right and if any doubts should arise advise us and wait our Directions thereon.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE SUPERVISORS OF THE WEST COAST.

No. 1 Commission appointing John Walsh & John Pybus Esqrs. Supra-Visors of the West Coast.
2 Instructions to them both dated 15th. Octor. 1753.
3 Copy of the Report of the Committee for Affairs relating to the West Coast dated 8th. Octr. 1753.
4 Copy of the Genl. Letter from England relating to the West Coast dated 24 Janry 1753.
5 Copy of Mr. Macrae's Report of his proceedings as Supravisor at the West Coast in 1724.
6 A Packet to the Worshipful Robert Hindley Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort Marlbrō

CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Secry.

No. 143.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT
FORT MARLBRŌ.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

Pa: 1 . . . The ship Delawar arriv'd here from your settlement the 14th. August as did the Prince George last from Batavia the 23rd. Ulto. by them We receiv'd your several advices of the 14th. April 25th. June and 11th.

July advices which We are concern'd to say give us such a view of our Honble Masters Affairs as is not in the least satisfactory the Mismanagement & Negligence which like a contagion has spread thro every one of their Settlements on the West Coast whence a monstruous encrease in Expences & as surprizing a decrease in the Investment has been occasion'd to such a degree as even to render those Settlements a heavy burthen instead of producing such a profit as Under proper Regulations they are very capable of these Considerations have at length determin'd them to pursue measures formerly practised with success and which seem now highly necessary for restoring their Affairs on the Island of Sumatra to the flourishing Condition they once were in to this end they have directed us to appoint two of their Servants on this Coast to supravise all their servants possessions and concerns there with full powers to command both civil and military and all other Persons whatsoever under their Protection during their residence at any of those settlements accordingly in obedience to their Commands We have appointed John Walsh & John Pybus Esq^{rs}. to take upon them that charge whom we have furnish'd with ample Instructions and a special Commission for that purpose you are therefore not only to pay due obedience to whatever Orders and Regulations they shall think proper to make but you are hereby required to give them all the Assistance in your power that they may be the sooner and the better able to root out all abuses and execute the Business of their Commission with the great facility. They are to have the same Honours in every respect as the Deputy Gov^{r}. and when in Council M^{r}. John Walsh is to take his seat on the Deputy Governours right Hand and M^{r}. John Pybus on his left by their sitting in Council We don't mean that any Affairs which may be brought before them there shall be determinable by a Majority of voices but on the contrary the supravisor's orders are in all cases to be decisive they take their passage on the Prince George by which you will receive these advices wherein we shall have the less Occasion to enlarge as these Gentlemen are furnish'd with full Instructions such particulars however in your several Letters as require a reply and some necessary directions We digest under the following usual heads.

First Concerning Shipping.

2. . . We have laden & consign'd to you on our Honble Masters Ship Prince George a Cargo of Rice, & salt altho you have not indented for any which We imagine an omission as in the 18th. Paragraph of your Letter dated 14th. April you refer us to an indent in that Packet which was not sent this is not the only instance of neglect We shall have occasion to take notice of by this Ship you will also Receive sundry Wares part your Indent as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading in the Packet.

3 . . . As soon as the consignments are landed you must dispatch this ship to Batavia for a Cargo of Timber & Plank and for that purpose you are to furnish the Commander with a sufficient quantity of Treausure and debt this presidency for the same direct the Commander to use the utmost dispatch in loading his ship at Battavia and return directly to this place without deviation.

4 . . . The excuse you make for lading surplus tonnage on the Onslow is frivolous and had better have been omitted as 'tis so easily confuted on turning to the Company's orders to you by that ship and to ours by the Success Galley you will find that had you attended to them We should have been advised what Pepper remain'd after providing for the Onslow's Tonnage We have already given you positive Directions to do so in future and need not repeat them.

5. . . The Cudalore Sloop is not yet return'd from the expedition on which We sent her with M^{r}. Hunter to the Negrais if she can be spar'd we shall as soon as convenient after her Arrival which we expect shortly dispatch her to you.

6. . . It is a matter of doubt with us whether the sloop Swallow was under so absolute necessity as is represented to bear away for Battavia. this We are well assured of that bad weather has often been made a pretence for going to that Port when at the same time 'tis obvious that the inducement was private Interest We recommend it strongly to you in such Instances to make a strict scrutiny and if any such motives shall appear to shew a proper resentment in the present Case we see no occasion for making any Extraordinary allowance to Mr. Stephans We imagine if your Vessels are well fitted and two months provisions put on board they would be able to stand the Weather and there could be no excuse for their deviation except in extraordinary cases.

7 . . . Besides the Cudalore Swallow & Mary We find on your Books no less than three sloops Viz^{t}. Hawke Fame Louisa, one Hoy two Boats & a Pantchallong and yet you complain that for want of proper Vessells you were under a necessity of Freighting Country Boats if these Vessells are in being We think you are overstock'd if they are not surely they should have been wrote off from your Books.

8 . . . The Reason you give for ordering the Delawar back to Marlbro̅ from Battavia with Stores does not convince Us that you had no other motive if you had no other it shews your want of attention to what we wrote you by her in the 45 Par: you may find We promis'd you a supply of what we should think necessary from hence as soon as We could procure a Vessel We mention this because the length of the Delawars passage might have disconcerted Us had we destin'd her to any immediate service after her return from the voyage We prescrib'd in future as you cannot know our Intentions our directions must be the Rule of your Conduct.

9 . . . We have already mention'd that we are sensible pretences have never been wanting for sending Vessells to Batavia that of repairing them has often been one thō at other times we find that some of the Company's Vessells have thrō a monstruous neglect been suffer'd to run so out of Repair as to be scarce worth the charge of refitting of this We have fully instructed the Supra Visors and therefore shall touch but lightly On it here.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

10 . . . We are now loading the Delawar for Europe the difficulty We are under of providing for her Tonnage prevents our complying with your Indent for Long Cloth Ordinary but we hope soon to have an opportunity of supplying you with greater convenience by the Cuddalore Sloop.

11 . . . We send you by this ship 33 Coffrey Women and one Girl enquire whether proper care is taken of them in the Voyage.

12 . . . We refer you to a List in the Packet for the names of three Transports who as well as the Slaves must be employ'd in the most advantagious manner.

13 . . . You tell us in your Letter of the 14th. April that our Consignments to you by the Delawar turn'd out Right except some Articles specify'd in a List which you enclose without mentioning whether the Commander had paid for them or not had this been the only Omission it might have been pass'd over as the most careful are not exempt from Errors but what follows shews such Manifest Carelessness as convinces us that very little attention is had to the Company's affairs for as the same time that you transmit us an account of Sundry Articles which you tell us are Wants. your Acountant has endors'd the Bill of Lading Contents recd in full (except two duppers of Ghee in lieu of which the same Quantity of Oyl was recd this is not at all. the very List itself is defective Cap^{t}. Winters avers that instead of 224 there were but 202 blocks wanting which he is ingenuous enough to

confess were used for his ship as well as five coils of Coir Cordage that you make not the least mention of in your List the amount of these two Articles being fifty four Pags. thirty five fanams and seven Cash (54·35·7) We have recd of him and you must debt Account Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George for the same as We suppose by your Accountant's Endorsem[ent] you have Credited us for the whole Consignment the other Difficiency's Capt^{n}. Winter absolutely refuses to pay for nor can We oblidge him as he produces your discharge The two Duppers of Oil mention'd on the back of the bill of lading to be recd instead of Ghee must nevertheless be accounted for as Ghee which is probable turn'd to Oyl by the Heat of the Ship's Hold We have not yet gone through the Catalogue of Errors The Account inclosed in your Packet of Stores taken out of those Design'd for Madagascar does not correspond with the endorsement on the Bill of Lading which expresses many more than are mention'd in the former an account collected from both comes in the Packet and you must credit this presidency for the amount if you have not already done so.

14 . . . The Sugar you consign'd Us on the Delawar turn'd out 853 Lb short of Invoice We of course call'd upon the Commander to make good the deficiency but he objected and very reasonably that as he had deliver'd the number of Canisters mention'd in the Bill of Lading which did not express any weight he was not accountable for any more especially as neither he nor any belonging to him was present at the weighing of it We could not therefore but admit his plea to prevent the like in future all goods whatever must be pack'd weigh'd or measured in presence of the Commander or some body deputed by him and the Bills of Lading specifying Weight number or measur[e] must be sign'd positively and not inside & Contents unknown We shall always observe the same method here so that all Difficiencys in our Consignments to you must be paid for by the Commander and no excuse is to be admitted but if the case should appear particularly hard state it to us and We reserve to ourselves the liberty of returning what We may think reasonable.

15 . . . We recommend to you to give all due encouragement the Sugar Works but at the same Time care should be taken that the Undertakers keep up their Contracts it gives Us Pleasure to observe by the Report of the Works that the manufacture is likely to be attended with success We sold the sample you sent Us at Outcry as the best way of ascertaing. its value it produced on an average better than sixteen pa^{s}. ℔ Candy which is more than Batavia Sugars sold for this season.

16 . . . As the Company are so indulgent to permit their Servants to supply themselves with what they may be in want of out of their Warehouse it is but reasonable such an Advance should be put upon them as will make good any Wastage or damage that they generally liable to.

Thirdly of Investments and Fourthly of Country Government &c^{a}.

17 . . . We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to send a ship to fill up with your surplus Pepper We hope you will have at least two hundred Tons as in consequence of your advices We have desired them to leave Room for that Quantity.

18 . . . We approve of your declining to accept the Sultan of Manancabows invitation to settle at Tecoo and Marroo Massang the views of these people are only to gain the Company's protection to which end they make large promises which are very seldom carried into execution they are therefore by no means to be rely'd on but before any settlement is undertaken an estimate should be made of the Pepper actually produc'd there and of the Charges that must necessary attend it when it should appear that the former exceeds the latter with a prospect of still greater encrease We think a tryal might be made but not otherwise as a number of petty subordinacys are generally more burthensome than profitable.

19 . . . We have great reason to believe the Account that have been given us of Natal and the prospect of a plentiful Investment from thence in time have been much too favourable by Mr. Marriot's Report We perceive but little foundation to hope that the Inhabitants will ever be brought to cultivate Pepper in any quantity so as to answer the expence on the contrary it is very plain that the Company's protection against the Dutch and King of Atcheen is all they seek and to obtain it amuse with promises of making Plantations which it almost amounts to a certainty they never will do so long as they can scrape together a living from their present Trade in Gold Camphir & Opium much less will they be tempted to drop an employ so adapted to their natural Indolence for one which must of necessity be attended with much greater labour unless the Profits should be very large indeed & tempting which is extreamly doubtfull We are willing to believe that the Gent who first recommended and undertook this Settlement were themselves deceiv'd as they would otherwise deserve the severest censure for suffering themselves to be tempted by self interested views to embark in an undertaking which at the very time it was done exposed the company to new disputes with the Dutch we expected to have found in Mr. Combe's letter to your board such an account of that place as might have led us to a determinate resolution there on well knowing that his experience and capacity render him equal to such an enquiry but we learn nothing new from it except that he had a conference with some of the Chiefs.

20 . . . Of all the reasons you assign for the decrease in your Investment but one carry's any weight and that is the bad Custom of renewing the Plantation once in eight Years whereas you say it should be done every five if this is really so is it not surprizing that it should have been so long neglected or overlook'd the Indolence and Ignorance of the Planters the arbitrary and oppressive disposition of the leading Men has always been the same it therefore proves nothing or it proves that a remissness in Government has suffer'd bad Effects to arise from it which a prudent administration might have prevented you promise amendment We hope and expect to find it your own Interest is immediately concern'd for by no other means can you so effectually recommend yourselves to the favour of our Honble Masters as by promoting their Investment.

21 . . . The Backwardness that has always been shewn to making Surveys and the want of propper attention whenever it has been undertaken deserves remark. We are very sensible that it must be attended with great fatigue and some hazard but this is no excuse for neglecting it would it be admitted as a sufficient Plea in a soldier for refusing to defend his Post that his Life would be thereby exposed to danger? Surely it would not. It's his duty & when he accepts his commission he knows it. The Cases are paralel it is the business of every Company's servant so long as he enjoys the protection and advantage of that service to execute with Chearfullness what ever may be essential to the prosperity of the branch committed to his charge annual surveys are absolutely so and must not be dispensed with.

22 . . . We cannot conceive what ill consequences could arise from calling Criminals to a publick account on the other hand We are persuaded that a due administration of Justice will always be an encouragement to the Industrious and a scourge to the indolent and undeserving and nothing ought ever to tempt those who hold the reins of Government to connive at any illegal oppressive or unjust actions.

23 . . . There seems to have been some neglect in suffering the House at Laye to be surpriz'd by Mallim Bagoos an[d] his party your offering a reward for apprehending him We think well judg'd as well as the Gratuity given the Bugguesses for their Gallant behaviour our honble Masters We are persuaded will approve a due encouragement of merit in every one but don't let this tempt you to be too lavish in Rewards.

24 . . . We cannot too often repeat to you that no payments whatever must be made in Cloth but every Person must be at full Liberty to purchase it wherever he pleases it gives us pleasure to observe what you say on the subject and hope you will pursue it.

25 . . . The Malays are remarkable for dissimulation however pacifick and contented Sultan Ooladeen may appear the temptation of power and Government to one who thinks himself unlawfully expelled are too great not to give some Room for aprehensions so long as he remains on your Coast let his Allowance be punctually paid redeem his Children out of the King of Acheen's hands and if possible prevail on him to return hither supporting him in that case in a genteel manner during his stay at Marlbro and in his passage hither.

26 . . . Captn. Burman acquaints us that he recd of the Govr. & Council of Batavia in his late Voyage there Eight Thousand three hundred Rix Dollars on Acct. of the two Prows formerly cut off that restitution was made him of the greatest part of the Cargo of the Surprize Sloop and for what had been embezzled he receiv'd two thousand six hundred and ninety two Rix Dollars and an half (2692½) for which he gave discharges in full and advised both you and the Owners by the storeship.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings Repairs and Revenues.

27 . . . Our Honble Masters have directed us to send with the supravisors an Engineer to inspect thoroughly into your Buildings and plan out what may be proper to be done We are convinc'd of the necessity and Utility of a skillfull person to direct Works of this kind and should have sent you one before but our Fortifications which are of more immediate consequence engross the whole time & Attention of all those We have so that We cannot at present spare any one from them but as soon as We can with any Conveniency We shall send you a capable Engineer in the meantime We have directed the Supravisors to give us their Opinion on the state and condition of your Building in General Accommodations for the Company's Servants are certainly requisite and may be erected but in this and all other cases it must be observ'd as a standing Rule that no Buildings or Repairs Whatever are to be undertaken without an Estimate first made thereof which must be read and enter'd in Consultation and an order made thereon.

28 . . . Notwithstanding what you say the price of Bricks and Tiles seems to us very exorbitant even nine Dollars a thousand is taken notice of by Our Honble Masters (and We think with great Reason) as too extravagant We hope you will not be slack in your endeavours to reduce the price and in general we must recommend to you the greatest frugality and Economy.

29 . . . We observe your Licenses for retailing arrack and Ophium were sold at Publick Outcry this certainly is in general the best method to get the full value but we are sensible that Combinations are sometimes form'd and then other means may be more effectual we have no reason to suspect this to be the case with your Licences but we give you this as a hint to be watchfull and to lose no opportunity of promoting our Honble Masters Interest.

30 . . . We knew of no private Trade on board the Delawar consequently could send you no manifest you did right however to demand Custom on all goods landed.

Sixthly of Factors Writers Military Officers and their Accounts.

31 . . . When We look into the behaviour and Conduct of the Company's servants in General on your Coast We have the less reason to wonder that our Honble Master's affairs have been so visibly declining what else can be expected from such heats animositys & ill will as appear to reign almost every where which We can refer to no cause so natural as to too great Lenity in Government We don't mean by this to recommend severity but a due medium many Actions in a private capacity may be construed good nature

which in Government would savour of Injustice every Person should be kept strictly to his Duty and proper Resentment shown to those who are backward in the execution of it thus much in general. With respect to some particular Cases which seem to require our immediate interposition We shall only give our sentiments very briefly as We have referr'd the further consideration of them to the Supravisors who on the spot may be better able to collect circumstances which perhaps may be essential to the forming an equitable Decision.

32 . . . As it was doubtful whether Mr. Combe's absence occasion'd a Vacancy at your board or not We see no ill consequences that could have arisen from the admission of the next in standing provisionally however as he was by a Majority of Voices appointed absolutely Mr. Massey proposing him upon a second vacancy and objecting against Mr. Carter carry's with it an air and spirit of Chicane rather than any real intention to abide rigidly by the Company's orders had it remain'd a matter of doubt whether Mr. Marriot was duely admitted to a seat at the Board (which was out of the Question as it was carry'd by a Majority) Mr. Massey woud have been right in his objection to Mr. Carter upon a supposition that Mr. Combes' absence made no vacancy.

33 . . . How far you were right in your resolution with regard to Mr. Percival Say We do not determine thus much We must say if his Character and behaviour are as represented the Company is likely to benefit but little from his service and it would be better never to admitt) such men than to be under a necessity of dismissing them If the Charge against Mr. Massey be prov'd he is certainly unworthy of the Company's service but your method of proceeding was rather too violent he should have had time allow'd him to deliver in his Answer and if upon that he appear'd culpable it would have been right to suspend him the service.

34 . . . There is a great Appearance of fraud in the management of his employ's We observe in regard to the Quantity of Chunam allow'd to each Brick he pleads precedent this may be admitted as an alleviation but cannot in any case wipe away the Crime every man must stand or fall by his own Actions and it is the Part of every faithfull servant on entering on any new employ to rectify the Abuses and Errors of his predecessors that this has not been the case on your Coast is plain from the shamefull omission of taking Accounts remains whereby a door has been open'd for Collusion, let it never be ommitted in future a Book must be kept in which a fair & Perfect Account Remains must be enter'd & sign'd both by the Person delivering and him who enters on the Employ who must thence forward be accountable for every article.

35 . . . We think you shew'd an improper resentment to John Bruft by dismissing him the service, 'tis true he receiv'd the materials for Mr. John Massey but it does not appear that He was invested with any power to reject and could only represent them to his Superior without knowing in what manner they were brought to account he may not perhaps be wholly exempt from blame but a lighter censure than what you pass'd would have more adequate to his fault.

36 . . . Mr. Beach's behaviour at the board deserv'd the severest reprimand & a behaviour that We hardly can imagine he or any else would have been guilty of had your Councills been usually conducted with that Dignity order & Regularity which should be inseparable from publick deliberations.

37 . . . You tell us in General that Mr. Arthur O'Neils conduct is bad & unbecoming his function without mentioning in what particulars We therefore can be no judges whether you have dealt justly by him or not We must observe however that the character We had of him on other occasions is not the most advantagious.

38 . . . We have already told you in our former Letter by the Prince George that We dont approve of your sending Persons under Suspension directly to Europe We don't doubt but you will comply with it and therefore make no observations on your Resolution in regard to Capt. Hood and Mr. Cranmer.

39 . . . The Company are without doubt accountable for all money deposited in their Cash Mr. Beach was therefore very much in the Right in his objection against lending Mr. Smith the $ 400 belonging to the Orphans of Robert Trumbull deceased as the Company must have made it good had he failed We expect therefore that it has been paid back into Cash and if not you must insist on its being done forthwith.

40 . . . Mr. Edward Pero whom we have appointed Captain Lieutenant of a train of Artillery to be establish'd at your Settlement takes his Passage to you on this ship Prince George you are to chuse out from amongst your Military the ablest Officers and Private Men undermention'd.

A Lieutenant, whose Salary is to be	..	£ 90 a Year.
2 Serjeants		2 shillg. a day ea.
2 Corporalls		1/8.. a day ea.
6 Bombardiers		1/8 .. a day ea.
6 Gunners		1/6 .. a day ea.
10 Matrosses	}	1/ .. a day ea.
1 Drummer		

Capt. Lieut. Pero's Salary is to be one hundred Pounds a Year besides which he is to have the Cloathing of his Company.

41 . . . We do not find that any of the Topasses sent you recd entrance money nor are they entitl'd to any.

42 . . . In the Packet you will receive a List of six of our Military Who for attempting to desert We send you to be incorporated with your's.

SUPPLEMENT.

43. . . We have purposely omitted giving you our directions in several particulars because they are expressly enjoin'd you by our Honble Masters in their Commands by the Walpole to which our Repetition could add no weight.

44 . . . We enclose you a Manifest of Private Trade licensed by this ship.

45 . . . We observe that it has long been custom of paying money into the Company's Cash at your Settlement for Certificates on Us at the exchange of Fifteen Dollars ($ 15) for Ten (10) Pagodas which at the time it was settled was an equitable Exchange as that was the medium price of silver here but it is of late Years so much decreas'd in its value that the Company are considerable losers by your draughts on Us to remedy which you must observe as a Standing Order that the Exchange of all moneys you receive into the Company's Cash for Certificates on us must in future be sixteen Dollars & an half ($ 16½) for ten Pagodas.

We are
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your Affect. Friends & Servants
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 15th. Octr. 1753.

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Postcript to this Letter dated 30th. Octr. entd. herein after No. 147.

MANIFEST OF GOODS licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on board the Prince George Capt. Edward Burman for Fort Marlbro by the following Persons Vizt.

Bales.	Tot. Bales.		Corges.	Pieces.	Pa.	fa.	ca.	Pa.	fa.	ca.
		BY CAPTN. EDWARD BURMAN for himself.								
34	—	Long Cloth Blue ...	30	—	720	—	—			
		Bugguese Cambays ..	8	—	144	—	—			
		Coffree Cambays ..	5	—	50	—	—			
		Metchelpatam Handkerchiefs	8	—	80	—	—			
		Coffree Handkerchiefs ..	8	—	80	—	—			
		Red Ground Chints ..	5	—	150	—	—			
		Metchlepatam Cambays.	5	—	105	—	—			
		Blue Do. .	4	—	48	—	—			
		Syrashes	5	—	100	—	—			
		Tappies small ..	26	—	65	—	—			
		Long Cloth White ..	6	—	192	—	—			
		Strip'd Ginghams ..	5	—	85	—	—			
		Succatoons	6	—	216	—	—			
—	34	Bales Amounting to ..						2035	—	—
		By Mr. Chas. Bourchier for Mr. Roger Carter.								
2	—	Bugguese Cambays ..	2	—	32	18	—			
		Blue Handkerchiefs ..	4	—	36	—	—			
		Blue Strip'd Gingham ...	1	—	12	27	—			
		Red Strip'd Gingham —	1	—	14	9	—			
		Metchlepatam Handkerchiefs	2	—	16	—	—			
		Metchlepatam Cambays..	2	—	39	—	—			
		Morees White	1	—	21	9	—			
		Puliacat Handkerchiefs ..	1	—	25	18	—			
		Madras Chints Red Ground	1	—	28	27	—			
—	2	Bales Amog. to						226	—	—
		By Mr. CHARLES BOURCHIER for Ma. ROBT. SWINTON.								
2	—	Blue Cambays	4	—	37	—	—			
		Bugguese Do.	4	—	65	—	—			
		Metchelpatam handkerchiefs.	3	—	24	—	—			
		Blue Handkerchiefs ..	6	—	54	—	—			
—	2	Bales Amog. to						180	—	—
		By Mr. CLAUD RUSSELL for Mr. ROBERT SWINTON.								
—	1	Bale Long Cloth ..	1	—	1	—	—	225	—	—
		MESSRS. WALSH and VANSITTART for Mr. THOS. COMBES.								
1	—	Red Chints	10	—	216	—	—			
1	—	Serasses / Red Tappies	25		224	—	—			
1	—	Blue Ballie	20	—	96	—	—			
1	—	Bugguese Cambays	13	—	119	25	16			
1	—	Pulliacat Cambays ..	8	—	179	7	16			
1	—	Blue Handkerchiefs 5 / Blue Cambays 4	9	—	134	14	32			
4	—	Long Cloth Blue ½ ℔ ..	16	—	320	—	—			
1	—	Salempores Blue ..	5	—	97	—	—			
1	—	Long Cloth Blue ¼ ps. ..	8	—	86	—	—			
6	—	Long Cloth White ...	9	—	273	21	48			

Bales.	Tot. Bales.		Corges.	Pieces.	Pa.	fa.	ca.	Pa.	fa.	ca.
—	18	Bales amounting to By Mr. John Walsh for himself						1746	10	64
7		Long cloth white	10	10	344	14	32			
5	—	Do.	7	10	228	—	—			
2	—	Salempores White	10	—	152	—	—			
1	—	More s White	10	—	208	—	—			
4	—	Long Cloth blue ½ ps. ..	14	—	280	—	—			
6	—	Do. Do.	26	—	624	—	—			
2	—	Do. Do.	8	—	166	14	32			
1	—	Do. ¼ ℔	7	—	75	21	48			
2	—	Do. Do.	20	—	244	—	—			
1	—	Salempores Blue	5	—	97	—	—			
2	—	Do. Do.	10	—	204	—	—			
1	—	Do. Do.	5	—	98	—	—			
2	—	Blue Cambays ..	20	—	176	—	—			
2	—	Blue Handkerchiefs	20	—	168	—	—			
1	—	Blue Batties	6	—	52	28	64			
1	—	Strip'd Ginghams	10	—	144	—	—			
2	—	Red Chints	20	—	456	—	—			
1	—	Cambrick	—	13	22	18	—			
		Beteelas	1	11	175	11	67			
		Izzarees	—	13	23	34	8			
—	43	Bales Amounting to .. By Mr. John Pybus for himself						3939	35	11
5	—	Salempores midling ..	20	—	400	—	—			
1	—	Long Cloth	—	5	45	—	—			
		Izzarees	2	13	101	18	—			
1	—	Flowerd Beteela Handkerchiefs	3	5	162	18	—			
		Cambricks	1	—	30	—	—			
		Long Cloth White ½ ℔ ..	1	12	112	—	—			
		Muslin Aprons	1	12	160	—	—			
1	—	Muslin Handkerchiefs ..	1	—	65	—	—			
		Fine Cambricks	1	—	30	—	—			
		Fine Chints 10 Patch ..	—	—	60	—	—			
		Long Cloth	1	—	140	—	—			
		Cambrick Aprons	—	6	60	—	—			
		Do. Handkerchiefs ..	1	—	60	—	—			
1	—	Cambrick	1	—	60	—	—			
		Dimities	—	6	24	—	—			
		Pulicat Handkerchiefs ..	1	—	70	—	—			
		Red Ground Chints	5	—	140	—	—			
2	—	White Ground Do.	5	—	101	9	—			
		Red Handkerchiefs	5	—	95	—	—			
		Gingham blue	1	—	20	18	—			
		Blue & White Handkerchiefs	2	—	29	18	—			
..	10	Bales amounting to ..						2016	9	—
..	110	Bales amounting to ..			Pags.	..		10,368	18	75

Fort St. George the 15th. Octr. 1753.

Chas. Bourchier,
Secry.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbrō ꝑ Ship Prince George.

N°. 1 Gen^{l}. Letter to Fort Marlbrō dated 15 Octr 1753.
2 Copy of the Company's Gen^{l}. Letter to Fort Marlbro ꝑ Walpole dat: 1st. Dec^{r}. 1752.
3 Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Prince George for Fort Marlbrō.
4 First Bill of Lading for d°.
5 Manifest of Private Trade licensed to be shipp'd on the Prince George for Fort Marlbrō.
6 Account of Stores landed at Fort Marlbrō out of the Delawar's Madagascar Cargo as ꝑ 13th. para: of the General Letter.
7 Account of Sundry's paid for by Cap^{t}. Winter being part of the Stores consign'd to Fort Marlbrō ꝑ Delawar as ꝑ 13th. Para of the Gen^{l}. Letter.
8 A List of 61 Military Prisoners sent to the West Coast ꝑ Prince George.
9 List of three Convicts transported to the West Coast ꝑ Prince George Memorandum, Besides the French Deserters mention'd in the Postcript of the Gen^{l}. Letter two others Viz^{t}. S^{t}. Martin & Duverge also proceed on the Prince George and Jonathan Elwood one of the (Military) Prisoners being sick is not sent.

N°. 144.

To the Right Honble Jacob Mossel Esq^{r}.
Governour General of the Netherland
India &c^{a}. &c^{a}. President at Batavia
and to the Honble Gentlemen of
Council there.

Right Honble Sir
and
Honble Sirs

By Our Company's ship Delawar We recd the Letter Your Excellency did Us the Honour to write us the 2^{d}. of June last our own natural inclination would have induc'd us to construe the Countenance and Assistance you gave to the Com^{r}. of that ship as a strong Mark of your Friendship and your assurances that it was particularly intended as such gives us great pleasure which will still be heighten'd by every opportunity of convincing you that We shall always view in their true light the services you may at any time render our shipping touching at your Port and gladly embrace every occasion to return them as well as by all other means that may offer cultivate a firm union and friendship between us.

Cap^{t}. Burman Commander of our Company's Ship Prince George has inform'd us that in his late voyage to your Port he receiv'd of your Excellency and Council satisfaction and Restitution on Account of the two Prows and the Sloop Surprize it gives us great satisfaction that this Affair which we never had occasion to mention but with concern is at last finish'd and We only touch on it now to desire it may be buried in oblivion as We hope no fresh cause will ever happen to call it to our Remembrance.

We have heard that an unlucky Accident happen'd to some of the Crew of the Ship Griffin Cap^{t}. Dethick and that no less than seven of them were murder'd the night before she sail'd from Batavia We don't doubt but that your Excellency and Council have brought to condign punishment the Perpetrators of so cruel an Action.

This will be deliver'd you by Capt. Burman whom We have order'd to touch at your Port to purchase with your Excellency's and Council's leave a Cargo of Timber & Plank on our Honble Company's Account in which We request you will grant him your Countenance and Assistance.

We have the Honour to be very perfectly

RIGHT HONBLE SIR
AND
HONBLE SIRS
Your very humble Servts.
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 15TH OCTR. 1753.

No. 145.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have the Pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of your Honour &ca's. several favours of the 30th. July 3d. 13th. & 17th. Septr. by which We are glad to observe our Honble Masters outward bound shipping except the Dragon were all safely arriv'd.

We have receiv'd by the Betsy Ketch Your Honr. &ca's. Box Packet for England & the Duplicate by the Speedwell with a Letter for our Honble Court of Directors which last with the Betsey's Packet We propose sending by the Delawar The Duplicate must remain here till our January Dispatch as there will be no opportunity of forwarding it from hence sooner. The Fifteen Bales of Jugdea Baftaes by the Speedwell have been duely deliver'd.

We observe what your Honour &ca. are pleased to mention for not complying with the standing order of Our Honble Masters which We transmitted you in regard to prohibiting Country Ships touching at Ports to the Southward of this place and you must excuse us If we say We are not in the least convinc'd by the Reasons you have offer'd but that there is now as great a necessity for such an Order as there was At the Time it was judged necessary to be made: nor does it appear to Us your Fortunes are more prejudic'd by it now than they were at that Time for altho you urge in support of that Argument that the Markets at this Settlement and Fort St. David have been more particularly Affected by the late Troubles than any other Ports on the Coast And your Goods have remain'd unsold for 4 or 5 Years past when at other Ports your ships have met with an Immediate Sale for them We must remark that most Goods that are not vendable in our Settlement it is well known are less so at any other on the Coast particularly to the Southward which you Gentlemen must be sensible of for it is very certain some of the same sortments have been brot. hither by your ships from thence where they Could not dispose of them We don't pretend to be unacquainted that the Cargoes of some of your Ships have been sold off hand at those Places but as they consisted Chiefly of Grain it is very certain they would have done the same with us and not less advantageously. We must allow when Fort St. David was the Presidency the Comrs. had some Reason to complain of the Delay in unloading & loading their Vessells as they were oblig'd to lay at a great Distance & it had not been customary

to have so many there but from the information We have had from several Bengall Capts. it was infinitely less than they were oblig'd to submit to at the Southern Ports & not near so expensive tho from the manner of your Honr. &ca. introducing this circumstance it might be esteem'd quite the Reverse. We have but too sensibly experienced that the Wars on the Coast have greatly affected trade in general at all the Ports & as they have been carried on chiefly in the Tanjore & Trichinopoly Countries it is most natural to conclude that the Southern Ports which are in their neighbourhood would be more particularly prejudiced thereby than any others Indeed all Reports agree that Pondicherry has felt the greatest Distress which makes us the more at a loss to account for the Reasons that induc'd the Owners of the Britania to send that ship there in the Year 1751 where it is very well known she sold per Cargo at a price not more beneficial than might have been procur'd at Fort St. David and this the Comr. was made accquainted with whilst there & before he had disposed of it which he paid so little regard to that he even contracted to carry another there We are of your Honour &ca. opinion that Our Honble Masters will undoubtedly take notice of What We have offer'd to you on this Head and that they may have a very clear Idea of the Case We shall not be backward in explaining it very fully to them.

We are concern'd to learn from Your Honr. &ca. that at least two of our Honble Master's ships will be necessitated to remain in India this season and the apprehensions you are under of not being able to employ them Your Honr. &ca. are very sensible of the Difficulty attending the letting out ships of so large Burthen as well as that it requires a considerable Time to collect the Goods manufactur'd On this Coast to compleat Cargo's for them from Whence as the season is now so late it is impracticable to afford you any assistance in the Freighting them tho had it been possible for your Honr. &ca. to have given us earlier Information of this We imagine such a thing might have been effected Our Honble Masters orders being to co-operate with your Honour &ca. in the management of this Branch of their Affairs that We may Contribute all that lays in our power to ease them in this respect We shall be very ready to stand a part with your Honr. &ca. in taking up any next year should it be necessary to any part of India there is a probability a Voyage will answer and therefore desire you would favour Us with your sentiments on this particular as early as may be convenient that We may Concert measures accordingly.

In answer to what your Honour &ca. have judged proper to mention in regard to our sending you no larger Quantity of Treasure We can only say It would give us a very sensible satisfaction were the Affairs of the Province settled in a manner to admit of our diminishing those heavy expences we are under an absolute necessity of supporting and thereby afford us the means of Remitting you a proportion of what was design'd for our use What We have detain'd is only about 33 Chests of the Quantity destined for you which will we are very aprehensive scarce suffice to answer all our demands till We may have further supplys from Europe and We have not the advantages of borrowing any at Interest should We be in want as your Honr. &ca. have in Bengall. The failure of the Diamond Trade on the Coast this Year will We are well assur'd cause very considerable sums of money to be forwarded to your Settlement to be remitted Home by Bills on the Company and We hope will prevent any great Inconvenience that might have otherwise arisen from our being oblig'd to detain so much here As we have our Honble Masters permission for acting in the manner We have done upon giving them Our Reasons for it We shall by the Delawar acquaint them fully therewith By the Dragon We remitted your Honr. &ca. the Amount of the Bombay Bill and hope she is safely arriv'd.

Having had a Representation from Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart that they were oblig'd to pay Consulage & Customs at your settlement on a chest of coral they sent from hence altho proper Certificates were produc'd that the same had been receiv'd here & as no other Goods whatever from hence are liable to that

Charge They think it a great hardship We can't avoid acquaintg. your Honr. &ca. We are also of that Opinion being an unprecedented demand and there are Instances that the same Article has been imported both at Bombay & Your Presidency & afterwards brot. hither without being paid a second time which We have Entire Confidence is agreeable to the Honble Company's Intention We hope therefore your Honour &ca. will in future permit the Importation of it to you free of those Charges upon Certificates being produc'd that they have duely paid here As the Chest of Coral you mention'd to have given Bills for to Mr. Franco has not paid any Customs here We shall demand of him the same.

The Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort Marlbro acquainting Us that they shall have about two hundred Tons of Pepper on hand after the dispatch of the storeship We are to request Your Honr. &ca. will appoint a ship to proceed there to take it in properly loaded for Europe leaving sufficient Room for the said Pepper And as we shall have only one Conveyance from hence in the Beginning of the Year to carry our advices to the Company We must desire the favour you will order her to touch here in her way that We may have an opportunity of forwarding her Duplicates which in Case of an Accident to the first-ship will be of the Utmost consequence to Our Honble Masters The Vacancy that Will be wanted for the Pepper you'l please to supply with Rice for the Use of that Settlement.

We have receiv'd no advices from the Negrais since Mr. Hunter left us which makes it difficult to say when any Conveyance Will proceed there from hence We therefore think it most adviseable for your Honour &ca. to send the Artificers you may have engag'd for that service by any Vessell bound that way from your Port.

The little prospect there is at present of peace in the Country makes it highly necessary We should have as large a millitary Force on the Coast as possible which as We before advised your Honr. &ca. is the Reason of our detaining here the Recruits intended for your settlement as soon as We are able to do without them We shall not fail to send you a supply.

By late advices from Bombay We have the pleasure to learn that our Honble Masters ships Stafford Sandwich Tavistock & Salisbury are safely arriv'd there. The former met the Bombay Castle Pelham & Chesterfield off Cape L'Agullas the 20th. June. The Hector we are inform'd had put into Maritius: the China Shipping Except the Harcourt had pass'd Malacca in safety.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servants

Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 17 Octr. 1753.

No. 146.

To the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By a patamar that arriv'd here the 14th. Instant We were favour'd with your Honour &ca. Letter of the 26th. August by which We had the pleasure to hear of the safe arrival of All Our Honble Masters Europe Ships destin'd for your Port this season except the Prince Edward who We hope to have the same agreable News of by your next advices.

We are concern'd to acquaint your Honr. &ca. we are not in the least capable of complying with our Honble Masters Directions (of which your Honour &ca. have sent us a Copy) to contribute towards the Dispatch of the ships

Tavistock Salisbury & Prince Edward this season as We find the greatest Difficulty to compleat the Delawar's Tonnage which we are obliged to do with about seventy Tons of Salt Petre and the most We can hope for by Jañry will be a half loading for one ship. Advices from the President & Council of Fort William give the greatest Reason to believe several of Our Hoñble Master's ships there will for want of Cargoes be necessitated to remain in India next year and that it will be difficult to employ them even abroad This it is also out of our Power to Assist them in as the Season is now so late & as the Gentlemen there could not give us earlier notice of this It will be impossible for any Freighters to provide proper cargoes in time to send them from hence to any other Ports in India where there is a Probability of an advantageous Voyage.

We have already accquainted your Honour &c^{a}. with our sentiments of the Swallow that she will be an Improper ship for the West Coast Service which makes it unnecessary to say further about her.

By advices from Malacca We are inform'd that all our Hoñble Masters ships except the Harcourt (who did not leave this place till the 1st. August) had got safe as far as the Streights. We have intelligence likewise that the Hector from the Mallabar Coast had put into Mauritius.

Inclos'd We send your Honour &c^{a}. the Duplicate of our last Letter and are

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Tho^{s}. Saunders &c^{a}. Council

Fort S^{t}. George
18 Oct^{r}. 1753.

N°. 147.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq^{r}.
President & Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We last address'd your Honour &c^{a}. the 17th. Instant by the Betsy Ketch the Duplicate of which We now forward inclosed since when arriv'd here from the Negrais Our Hoñble Master's sloop Porto Bello with Advices from David Hunter Esq^{r}. dated the 20th. Ult^{o}. where We have the pleasure to learn he had safely landed and was about erecting a Fortification for the Security of himself and People should any Attempts be made upon him by the Natives of the Places adjacent Who had then given him no interruption nor had he any reason to be suspicious of any from them As there's a Necessity for a Europe ship's attending that Expedition and the Colchester's Charter Party time for remaining in India will expire in Febry next besides which having been abroad so long she is bare of Provisions & other necessary's We must desire your Honour &c^{a}. will appoint one of our Honble Masters ships of this season to proceed to the Negrais to relieve her; The Difficulty in procuring Provisions there has induc'd M^{r}. Hunter to request a supply which obliges us to trouble Your Honour &c^{a}. to provide an hundred Casks of Salted Beef & Pork with some Rice Gram & Pease & such like Articles: the artificers that went with him from Hence having been the greatest part sickly makes it necessary that those Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. had engag'd to send him should proceed as soon as possible with as many more as can be prevail'd upon to accompany them and some Lascars which are likewise wanted there.

As it will be impossible for us to do anything with the Colechester (in regard to which We have already wrote your Honour &c^{a}. very particularly) We shall desire M^{r}. Hunter to dispatch her to your Honour &c^{a}. as soon as the ship you may appoint to attend him arrives at the Negrais.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your M^{o}. Obed^{t}. Hble Servants
THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
22^{D}. OCT^{R}. 1753.

P.S. As we are inform'd M^{r}. Hunter is also in great need of all kinds of Provisions & necessarys for his own table, We desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be pleas'd to send him ample supplies of everything by the Europe ship.

At Cap^{t}. Sanderson's Request We have permitted Him to return to your Honour &c^{a}.

N^{o}. 148.

POSTSCRIPT.

Since Writing the foregoing the Porto Bello sloop arrived here from the Negrais by her M^{r}. Hunter writes that he thinks it necessary to detain the Cuddalore sloop for some Time We shall therefore send you the long Cloth ordinary mention'd in the 10th. Para: of this Letter by the ship intended to fill up with you surplus Pepper.

Memorandum this Postscript was added to the Genl. Letter to Fort Marlbro. dated 15th Oct^{r}. 1753 No. 143.

We are disappointed in our Intention of sending you the Coffrees mention'd in the 11th. Para: there being some appearances of the Small pox & Meazles amongst them which makes their proceeding unsafe.

Besides the Military Transports hereinbefore mention'd We send you four French Deserters Viz. Joachim Tozie, Vada Bon Cour, Forfillier & Mineaux who are to be incorporated with your Military where they may be of service thô they cannot be depended on here.

We are
WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your Affec^{t}. Friends & Serv^{ts}.
THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
30TH. OCT^{R}. 1753.

N^{o}. 149.

To RICH^{D}. STARKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOV^{R}.
&c^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

GENT^{N}.

We have rec̄d your Letter of the 11th. 16th. 18th. & 22^{d}. Instant in the first of which you advise Us of your summoning your Merchants & discousing [*Sic*] with them on the Investment, that you might form a Judgement of what might

be expected from them by Jafiry which we highly approve after hearing What they Had to offer you found the replys of Cawn Moodeliar, Govinda Chetty & Tone veroy Pilla such as you could not depend on and that you judged it not proper to make any further advances to the Salem Merchants till the Cloth they mention'd to be in readiness was brought in therefore as the Whole of the Investment would lay upon Irshippa Chitty you thought it convenient to introduce another Person whose proposals the Deputy Gov^{r}. had heard he was accordingly introduc'd by the name of Linga Chittys agent and advanced 5000 Pagodas as this Transaction is highly dissatisfactory to us as it is acting contrary to positive Orders which are that Whenever Proposals of this Kind are offer'd you advise the Presidency and wait their Approbation, from this you have deviated so far that We are not even acquainted with the Persons Name thus employ'd as you have done this by your own Authority We expect that you are responsible for this mans Engagements Yourselves, and We absolutely forbid your ever doing the like in future in regard to the Salem Merchants if they are not able to bring in What they say is in readiness there is no occasion for further Advances. We order'd you to reduce your Ballances into a narrow Compass if you have done this We think those merchants should not be entirely laid aside but advanced with the others as to advancing more to them than 5000 Pag^{s}. at a time We Judge it highly imprudent as the Country is so unsettled and as soon as the Army moves to the Northward your situation must be more particularly so. You tell us you have not been in a Capacity before of exerting yourselves for want of Supplys from Jafiry till the removal of the French to Tritchenop'ly you were so surrounded by the Enemy that part of your provisions came by Boat from the southward the President then wrote your Deputy Gov^{r}. that he was of Opinion the Cloth might be brought to DeveCotah and from thence by Boat his answer was that he had discours'd with the Merchants but that they would not undertake it. on conversing with people here the President was assur'd it might be done and he again press'd it when you thought fit to advance Irshippa Chitty for that purpose. on your application to Us We wrote to M^{r}. Lawrence to afford your Merchants an Escort for their Cloth We don't find it is come in. Pray give us the Reason for it & in future when any difficultys arise acquaint Us with them immediately that they may be remov'd and not write to us long Paragraphs in General Terms which are of no signification.

The Casualty's of Cap^{t}. Schaub's Company are not sufficient We want the monthly pay Rolls at length surely your Pay master has them if not 'tis an unpardonable remissness satisfy Us in this point for We cannot help suspecting that your other Branches of Business are carried on in this careless manner which must be attended with great Loss to the Company therefore We repeat Vouchers must be produc'd for all delivery's & payments. We cannot help remarking the slowness of your Washers in Curing the Cloth enquire whether these poor people are duely paid their stipulated wages.

We again repeat to you to send us the Nabob's account as well of Stores as of Advances of Money, if it is not ready let a Committee of your Board be appointed that We may have it with the gratest Expedition.

3 . . . It has been observ'd that there are several Instances of persons quitting their stations at the subordinate Factorys without adjusting their Accounts with the Company to prevent the like in future you must observe as a standing Order that none of the Company's servants be on any pretence suffer'd to leave your settlement untill his Accounts with the Company are compleatly settled and that if the Person succeeding to his Employ's shall neglect to see this done he shall be responsible for any loss that may from thence ensue.

We have hitherto been prevented in our intentions of sending the Prince George to you with an ample supply of Treasure by the badness of the Weather as soon as that will permit Boats to go off We shall immediately dispatch her We give you this notice that you may have Boat in readiness to land the several Consignment without delay in regard to the moneys to be forwarded for the

payment of the Army you may be able to form a better Judgement than We whether the sending it by Chelinga's to Deve Cotah may not be safer than trusting it to Peons as Chelimbrum is in the Enemy's hands.

You[r] Paragraph in Relation to the Supplyᵉ. Mʳ. Cook with money to defray his expences was needless the Deputy Govʳ. has a power in Cases that tan't admit of delay to act as he thinks best. We have paid Mʳ. Cook's draught on Us & if his Expences should require a further supply within a moderate Compass you may advance him.

We approve of your detaining the Dragon sloop as you say your Bales could not be cur'd in time for the Delawar which was a great disappointment to Us.

We shall consider of Clemento Poverio's Petition and accquaint you with our resolution thereon.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends &
Servants
THOˢ. SAUNDERS &Cᴬ. COUNCIL.

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE
THE 1ˢᵀ. NOVᴿ. 1753.

Nº. 150.

TO RICHᴰ. STARKE ESQᴿ. DEPUTY GOVᴿ.
&Cᴬ. COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵀ. DAVID.

GENTᴺ.

You will receive this by the Prince George on which ship We have Consign'd to you thirty thousand (30,000) Pagodas and one Lack of Rupees with Sundry Military Stores as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading and a box containᴱ. spying Glasses Small Arms & Pistolls to be forwarded to Majʳ. Lawrence. The Prince George could not take in Plank you indented for they shall be sent by the first proper Conveyance that can be procur'd. This late and precarious season rendering it dangrous for ships to be on the Coast We are persuaded you will use the utmost diligence in landing the Consignments to you by this ship that she may proceed on her intended Voyage to Fort Marlbro. We also send you on her 20 Military who are intended to reinforce Deve Cotah they may be convey'd there in Chelingas if no better conveyance should present.

Mʳ. Powney has represented to us that you are in want of the Fort Sᵗ. David Military Paymaster's accoᵗ. for the year 1751 to make some Adjustments. We therefore send them you by Capᵗ. Burman that you may get them copied and Return Us the Original.

Capᵗˢ. Sanderson & Grant & Mʳ. Richᵈ. Brickinden take their Passage to Fort Sᵗ. David on the Prince George the two former are to proceed to Camp and the Latter to Deve Cotah.

We have replied fully to your several Letters by Tappies.

We are
GENTᴺ.
Your Affecᵗ. Friends & Servᵗˢ.
THOˢ. SAUNDERS.
CHAˢ. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXᴿ. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAˢ. BOURCHIER.

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE
2ᴰ. NOVᴿ. 1753.

No. 151.

To Mr. Chas. Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

This is only to accknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 17th. Octr. and to advise you that We have appointed Mr. Richd. Brickinden to be your Assistant who takes his Passage on the Prince George to Fort St. David and will proceed to you from thence by the first proper Conveyance he has been paid his salary to the 25th. of Septr. & Diet to the last of Octr. with the Usual allowance for his Charges in removing on his Arrival Mr. Dawson must take the first Opportunity to come up hither We have also by the same Conveyance sent in 20 Military who are intended to reinforce your Garrison.

We are
Sir
Your Affect. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 20th. Novr. 1753.

Enclos'd is Invoice of the Arms for the use of the Detachment intended for Deve Cotah.

No. 152.

To Capt. Edward Burman
of Ship Prince George.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your ship and make the best of Your way to Fort St. David where on your arival you will deliver the Accompanying Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council and follow their Directions for landing the Treasure consign'd to them on your ship which We are in hopes will be done without delay as We have directed the Gentn. there to give you all possible dispatch as soon as this is done you must without Loss of Time proceed directly to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra Where you will deliver the Cargo Consign'd to the Deputy Govr. & Council in such manner as they shall direct when this is compleated and you have sufficiently refresh'd your People you are to make the best of your way to Batavia and on your arrival deliver the accompanyg. Letter to the Govr. & Council during your stay there you must give your ship such necessary Repairs as she may stand in need of and purchase on the best terms you can a Cargo of Timber and Plank on Account of the Honble Company for which purpose We have directed the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort Marlbro to supply you with a sufficient Quantity of Treasure and We dont doubt but that you will be assisted herein by the Govr. & Council of Batavia in Consequence of Our Request We rely on your diligence & prudence in the Transaction of this business which being compleated you must return directly hither without deviation dated in Fort St. George 2d. Novr. 1753.

Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 153.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Since We last wrote you We have receiv'd your several Letters of the 31st. August 11th Septr. 1st. & 15th. Octr. by the first We observe that Coll. Scotts short stay with you could scarcely allow him to form a perfect plan of your

Fortifications and that he propos'd to visit you again in Jañry to compleat his observations As the Works he recommended to you to set about repairing immediately cannot suffer much for want of it between this & that Time We would have you defer ent'ring on them untill the Col^{l}. shall have fully declared his Intentions, in the meantime you may provide a quantity of Brick and Chunam that the Works when once begun may not be interupted for want of them.

It is not improbable but that the Nabobs refusing to grant you the Liberty of Coining Dubbs may really proceed from his fear of disobliging the French. We therefore think it would be improper to press him any further at present for publick leave however We would have you write to him that you would by no means desire any thing that might involve him in trouble and only desire he will connive at your Coining Dubbs for the immediate use of Comp^{y}. Northern Settlements which cannot in that Case be attended with any bad Consequence to him.

By the Alice sloop We rec̃d the sixty five Bales Callicoes you consign'd us which turn out tolerably well it was a very great disappointment that you could furnish us with no more the Ingeram Investment also fell short of What usual tho̅ not so considerably as Yours. it was with Great pleasure We observ'd the troubles between the Nabob & Rajah which chiefly interrupted your Business were subsided and from thence form'd sanguine hopes you would be able to invest the whole supply's We have sent you in good time for the Jañry dispatch but our expectations are somewhat check'd by a Letter lately Rec̃d from M^{r}. Westcott which informs us the troubles still subsist however We dont doubt but you will exert yourselves to the utmost as We have so frequently repeated that our relyance is chiefly on the Northern Settlements during in these Parts. Let as much of your Cloth as possible be bleach'd & send us the remainder Brown.

We much approve your excusing yourselves from advancing the Rajah the sum he apply'd to you for, 'tis what the Company's affairs can by no means admitt of and therefore nothing of this Sort must ever be done but in Cases of Absolute Necessity.

The Chints you sent Us is yet at the Washers when it comes in We shall give you Our sentiments on it;

You must observe as a standing Order that none of the Company's Servants are on any pretence to Quit their Station at the subordinates untill they have fully settled their Accounts with the Company the Person suceeding to any employ that shall become Vacant by resignation must be careful to see this complied with and in default he shall be answerable for any Loss the Company may sustain thereby.

We have not yet rec̃d your last years books let them be ballanced and sent Us by the first opportunity. You have omitted to send Us your Account Quick Stock which should never be done & we expect it in Jañry The Delawar sail'd from hence for England the 30th. Ult^{o}.

We are
GENT.
Your affectionate friends
THO^{S} SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE,
THE 7TH. NOV^{R}. 1753.

If Mr. Andrews at Madapollam should apply to you, you may supply him with twenty or thirty musquets & such Millitary stores as he may want and You can spare.

No. 154.

To Foss Westcott Esq^r^.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir,

The Don Carlos arriv'd here the 6^th^. Ult^o^. and brought us one hundred Bales which is all you have supplied us with towards our Autumn dispatch the Reasons You assign for being so considerably short of what has been Usual at your settlements are the troubles in the Country and the want of Dubbs We should imagine M^r^. Andrews would equally feel these effects and yet he has succeeded much better in his Investment We are rather apt to think your ill success proceeds in a great measure from a bad Custom your Merchants are fallen into of providing Goods of an inferiour Assortment which Obliges you to turn out a great Part to remedy this requires your strict attention and We can recommend no better means than to persevere in rejecting all Cloth inferiour to muster which may in time have the desir'd Effect.

Besides your Letter by the Don Carlos of the 20^th^. September We have recd those of the 9^th^. & 24^th^. August 28 September & 8^th^. October the last differs much from the advices recd from Vizagapatam dated but a few days before which informs Us the Nabob & Rajah had accommodated their differences We hope it will prove so and that you will be able to Invest the whole supply sent you in Good Cloth We don't doubt but you will exert yourself to do so get as much of it as possible cur'd to be with Us early in Jañry and What cannot be done by that time must be sent Us up brown.

Many Inconveniency's have arisen from Persons quitting their Station & Employs at the Subordinate Factorys without first adjusting their Accounts with the Company it must be observ'd as a standing Order that none of the Company's Servants are on any Pretence to do so in future, and to render this Order more effectual, if the Person succeeding to any employ becoming vacant by resignation shall neglect to see it strictly complied with he shall be answerable for any loss that may thence arise

We cannot give you any positive directions how to act in regard to the payment of the Rents Demanded of you by the Nabob it must entirely depend on the particular Circumstances of Affairs at the Crisis in the mean time We would have you acquaint the Rajah of the Nabobs demand his Answer may perhaps enable you to form some Judgement upon the Whole We recommend to you if possible to keep fair with both parties.

The Delawar left us the 30^th^. Ult^o^. for England the Difficiency in the Northern Investment oblig'd Us to supply part of her Tonnage with Salt Petre.

We are
Sir
Your affect^t^. Friends
Tho^s^. Saunders &c^a^.
Council.

Fort S^t^ George,
the 7^th^. Nov^r^. 1753.

No. 155.

To M^r^. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir,

We have two Letters from you since our last. they are dated the 12^th^. Sept^r^. & 7^th^. Oct^r^. the first accompany One hundred and seventy two Bales by the George Sloop which on resorting prov'd indifferently good We wish the Quantity had been larger but even this was very acceptable and the more as the

Genᵗ at Vizagapatam and Ingeram have been greatly disappointed in their Investments. We observe what you have repeated to Us the eagerness shew'd by the French in buying up all your turn'd out Cloth without regard to length brea[d]th or Quality & at a higher Price than you are allowed to give it is a Mystery to Us how it can answer to them but whatever their Reasons may be don't let it tempt you to follow their Example on the Contrary be careful to keep up your sortments and abate nothing of the Proper Lengths and breadths

We have been informed that many of the English & Swiss Prisoners at Pondicherry have been prevail'd on to enter into the French Service and are sent to Metchelpatam being to reinforce the Army under Monsʳ. Busy 'tis probable that after having had a little experience of the French service they would be glad to return to their former Colours We would therefore have you publish an offer of free pardon to all English or Swiss Deserters who shall surrender themselves and as a further temptation a reward may be added of five Pagodas a Man.

None of the Company's servants are in future on any pretence to quit their station at the subordinate without compleatly settling their Accounts with the Compʸ. this must be observ'd as a standing Order and the more to enforce it every Person who shall succeed to an employ vacated by resignation is to be answerable for any Loss that may happen from neglecting to see it done.

We hope to have a good supply of Cloth from you in Jañry send it up to Us early as possible and get as much cured as the Time will permit what can't be done without retarding the dispatch must be sent us up brown.

You have not sent Us your Accoᵗ. Quick Stock it should never be omitted We expect it in Jañry.

The Delawar sail'd Out of our Road for England the 30ᵗʰ. Ultᵒ. with part of her Tonnage in Salt Petre for want of Bales.

We are
Your Affecᵗ. Friends

Fort Sᵗ. George,
the 7ᵗʰ. Novʳ. 1753.

Thoˢ. Saunders.
Chaˢ. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexʳ. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chaˢ. Bourchier

Nᵒ. 156.

To Richᵈ. Starke Esqʳ. Deputy Govʳ.
&cᵃ. Council of Fort Sᵗ. David.

Genᵗ

We have recᵈ your Letter of the 5ᵗʰ. Instant and are pleas'd that Mʳ. Revell has thought of an Expedient to supply himself with what Plank he might have occasion for before We could convey any down to you as a proper Opportunity may not offer for some Time as soon as it does We shall supply You.

From the Accounts We have hitherto been able to Collect of the Advantages and inconveniences that Might attend the making an Investment at Deve Cotah We have had but little encouragement to think of Undertaking it. however this is so material a branch of the Company's affairs that every

occasion of promoting it should be eagerly grasp'd how far this would probably interfere with your Investment your Vicinity must certainly enable you to form a good Judgment We therefore desire you will impartially give Us your Opinion of it and state to Us the Particulars wherein you think it may be benificial and the Contrary.

On Landing the Salt Petre here shipp'd by you on the Colchester there appear'd a large Difficiency which We imagine may partly arise from the Tare of the Bags as you take no notice of it in the Invoice; to set Us right, We desire you will send Us the exact weight of the Salt Petre & the Bags.

We have consider'd the Petition of Clemente Poverio, and as We have always had a good account of his Bravery & fidelity which Major Lawrence confirm We have resolv'd to allow him a pension of Fifteen Pagodas a Month untill Our Honble Master pleasure be known Your Military Paymaster must therefore discharge the same.

The Administrator of the Estate of the Late Mr. Byres has applied to Us for some of the deceased's papers which were deposited with Us at Fort St. David they are Contain'd in a box in your Secretary's Office and We would have them sent up hither by the first good Conveyance.

It does not appear to Us what money is paid on Account of the English Prisoners at Pondicherry some of them We are inform'd have enlisted in the French service We suppose you have constantly had regular Rolls to pay them By which We desire you will send Us.

In the returns of your Garrison We would have you in future mention the number of Invalids.

We are
Gent
Your affect. Friends & Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex: Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
the 12th. Novr. 1753.

No. 157.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

In the Invoice of Arms sent with the Detachment for the reinforcement of your Garrisons there was a triffling omission, to rectify it, an additional Invoice comes enclosed.

You cannot but be sensible that the Company's Investment is what We have greatly at Heart and would promote by all prudent means the reasons that have hitherto induc'd Us to decline setting it on foot at Deve Cotah were that from the best accounts We could collect, & the Calculation made thereon, We saw but little encouragement to begin this Work however, this has not determind' Us to drop all thoughts of it on the Contrary if there should appear a glimmering of Advantage We propose to make a trial We therefore desire you will thoroughly inform yourself what Quantity and kind of Cloth you can procure, be particular as to the places where manufactur'd, and send Us musters of every sortment with the lowest prices. We must caution you not to suffer too warm a desire of success to bias your Judgement but let your enquiry be impartial.

It is to be observed as a standing Order at all the subordinates that no Person is to quit his station on any Pretence untill his Accounts with the Company are compleatly settled, the Person succeeding to any employ is to see this done or in default shall be answerable for any loss that may ensue.

We are
SIR
Your Affect. Friends
THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX: WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12TH. NOVR. 1753.

No. 158.

To RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENT

This, By order of the President & Council is to enclose Invoice of part of the Plank you indented for which the Cattamaran People have undertaken to convey safely to you in seven Rafts.

I am
GENT
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.

JOSIAS DU PRE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 15TH. NOVR. 1753.

No. 159.

To RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENT

Enclosed is a bill drawn by Gocaul Terwady on Buckanjee Cashedoss's Gomastah's at Fort St. David for ten Thousand (10,000) Pagodas Payable at four days sight which I forward to you with the Letter of Advice by Order of the President & Council and am

GENT
Your most Obedt. hble Servt.
JOSIAS DU PRE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26 NOVR. 1753.

N°. 160.

To Rich^D. Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.
&c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Gent

I address'd you yesterday by order of the Pres^t. & Council and enclos'd a bill of Exchange for ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas on Buckanjee Cashedoss's Gomastah's the Second Whereof I now send you together with another first Bill on the same Persons for ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas more payable at eight Days sight, both which sums when recd you will be pleased to place to the Credit of this Presidency.

I am
Gent
Your Most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t.
Josias Du Pre,
Sec^ry.

Fort S^T. George
the 27^TH. Nov^R. 1753.

N°. 161.

To Rich^D. Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.
&c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Gent

The second of a bill I sent you by Order of the President & Council the 27^th. Ult°. for ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas now waits on you with a further remittance of ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas on Buckanjee Cashedoss's House at Fort S^t. David and a Letter of Advice.

I have the honour to be
Gent
Your M°. Obed^t. Hble Serv^t.
Josias Du Pre,
Sec^ry.

Fort S^T. George
5^TH. Dec^R. 1753.

N°. 162.

To Rich^D. Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.
&c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Gent

We have receiv'd your several Letters of the 8^th. 13^th. 21^st. & 28^th. Ult°. and by our Secretary wrote to you the 26^th. & 27^th. Ult°. & 5^th. Instant to enclose a remittance in each of ten thousand Pagodas on Buckanjee's House, a second bill for the last accompanys this.

We observe what you say in excuse for admitting of your own accord Pauparawze to be a Company's Merchant but the precedent you quote is not apposite, M^r. Cochell a stranger just arriv'd from England, might very well be ignorant of particular Customs that have prevail'd on this Coast for time immemorial, but you certainly are or ought to be well acquainted with them.

If the Utmost Rigour were used in these precarious times with the Company's Merch^ts. it might be attended with bad Consequences We would therefore have you refrain from absolute compulsion but press your Merch^ts. by every other means that prudence may suggest to bring in Cloth.

We shall expect the Nabobs Acctˢ. monthly as you promise.

If your writing asistants attended to their duty as they Ought We think your Business might be regularly transacted; that it may be so in future appoint proper office hours see that they are observd, and confine under guard such as refuse or neglect to comply with them.

As Mr. Drake's advance of four hundred Pagodas for the use of Trivedy was necessary and as the accident that befell that Place could not be forseen We have no objection to admitting it in his account.

We shall desire the Nabob's Vackeel to appoint a proper Person to receive Shaik Husseins effects of you as he was the Nabob's Prisoner and not the Company's We have no tittle to them.

The fifty pieces of Wax Cloth you desire and your Indent for Civil & Military stores shall be complied with as far as we are able When Opportunities Offer.

Ever since the removal of the Presidency from Fort Stᵗ. David We observe that the allowance of ten Pagˢ. a Month to the Military Storekʳ. has been continued there whᶜʰ. is not agreable to the intention of Our Honble Masters for tho that employ may have been troublesome in particular instances of late yet the Burthen must in general fall on the Military Storkʳ. at the Presidency, you must therefore discontinue that Gratuity in future.

Your General Books ought to have been sent Us Ballanc'd above two months ago, if there has been any neglect it is proper We should know who has been guilty of it; that We may be enabled to Judge send us a true Account what state they were in where Mr. Cook Your Accountant left them to Mr. Norris.

We defer giving you any directions in relation to the decay'd & unserviceable Military Stores as We observe the Report is incomplete let it be perfected & sent us as soon as convenient.

If at any time the Dragon Sloop should be with you unemploy'd when a spurt of Southerly Wind Offers dispatch her immediately to Us and We shall return her to you with sundry articles you are in Want of.

We are

Gent

Your Affectᵗ. Friends & Servᵗˢ.

Thoˢ. Saunders.
Chaˢ. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chaˢ. Bourchier.

Fort Sᵗ. George
the 8ᵗʰ. Decʳ. 1753.

Nº. 163.

To George Pigot Esqʳ. Chief &cᵃ.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gent

We wrote you by Pattamar the 7ᵗʰ. Ultº. and this is chiefly intended to accompany a Duplicate at the same time 'tis with pleasure We can inform you that within these few days We recēd the agreable and unexpected news that on the 28ᵗʰ. of last month the French made a desperate attempt on Tritchinoply by escalade in the night and actually pass'd the first ditch & Wall

but by the gallant behaviour of the Garrison they were repulsed Eight Officers & 295 French men taken prisoners near Forty left dead on the spot & many kill'd & wounded in their Flight.

Mr. Westcott informs Us that Vizeram Rauze has gain'd a compleat Victory over the Nabob We are in hopes you will reap some present advantage from it as the Country is now open & We persuade ourselves you will neglect no opportunity of doing so. We are

Gent
Your Affect. Friends
Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 11th. Decr. 1753.

No. 164.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir,

A Duplicate of what we wrote you the 7th. Ulto. accompany's this since when We have recd your two Letters of the 27th. Octr. & 9th. Ulto. the last informs Us of the Nabob's entire defeat and as the Rajah remain'd in absolute possession of the whole Country We hope you will take the advantage of the present Calm to get in as much Cloth as possible for it is to be apprehended the storm will soon gather again.

In these parts the Nabob's success has been remarkable, his inexorable Enemies the French miscarried lately in a desperate enterprize against Tritchinopoly which they attempted by escalade in the night of the 28th. Ulto. and penetrated as far as the second Wall where they met with a warm reception 295 of them with Eight Officers were taken Prisoners near forty kill'd on the spot & as a brisk fire was kept on those who fled 'tis imagin'd many must have perish'd it may not be improper to take Occasion to communicate such successes to the Country Powers.

We are
Sir
Your Affect. Friends
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex: Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 11th. Decr. 1753.

No. 165.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

We have recd your Letter of the 4th. of Novr. with your Monthly Accounts and now enclose you a Duplicate of our Last dated the 7th. Ulto.

We learn from Ingeram that the Rajah by a complete Victory over the Nabob was in possession of the Whole Country We hope this will be a great help to our Janry Dispatch as it will give you an Opportunity to push your Investment Which we dont doubt you will do with vigour.

The Events in these parts have been favourable to the Nabob the French lately form'd a design of surprizing Tritchinopoly and actually pass'd the first ditch & Wall but Could penetrate no further the Garrison behav'd with great bravery and were rewarded with success of the Assailants 295 French soldiers & Eight Officers were taken Prisoners near forty were found dead many more 'tis imagin[ed] must have shar'd the same fate in their precipitate retreat as a brisk fire was kept on them this news communicated to the Country Powers may have a good effect. We are

SIR

Your Affect. Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 11TH DECR. 1753.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 166.

TO RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENT.

The Letters receed from you since those acknowledged in ours of the 8th. are dated the 3d. 6th. 12th. 16th. 18th. Instant.

Monopolys are certainly the bane of Trade and should always be discountenanced and prevented as much as possible but at the same time 'tis from Liberty alone that Commerce can flourish and therefore except in extream cases the immediate interposition of power should be avoided We see the very ill Consequences of Indigo being engross'd at your Settlement but to Oblige those possess'd of it to sell at a price they don't chuse or to deny them the privilege of Buying would be very inconsistent with the Liberty allow'd in an English Colony in this case recourse may be had to the practice of all Country's where the publick Good requires it that is to prohibit the Exportation of the Commodity monopoliz'd.

We are glad to find you have had a quantity of Cloth brought in by Paupa-rauze but must observe that While you make no advances to your other Merchts. the Trade is entirely flung into that Gomastah's hands to the Utter Ruin of the Rest We before advised you that We thought it would be best to advance the Old Merchants at the same Time & Not lay them Quite aside.

In regard to your writing Assistants we admit what you say of Mr. Beard to be just, if he is really desirous of Resigning the service let him signify it to you We shall not hesitate a moment to give our Consent and he may then proceed hither but not otherwise Mr. Greenslate you say is Capable but negligent let our Order for Confining him and all others to the Fort who neglect their Duty when in a Condition to execute it be strictly put in execution and if Mr. Greenslate is still refractory We shall immediately dismiss him from the service. Mr. John Percival now at St. David who accepted a Commission in the Millitary being desirous as We are inform'd of resigning it may return to the Civil employ and be station'd at your settlement in any branch where his service may be most requisite.

We shall send you what Gun powder We can spare as Conveyances Offer.

In our next Advices you shall have directions concerning your decay'd milit[illegible]. Stores.

Many Irregularity's have happen'd in the Deve Cotah Books which are yet incompleat owing as We are told to your not having regularly sent Invoices with the Mill^{y}. Stores, let it be a rule with you in future that whatever is sent to another Settlement be accompany'd by an Invoice.

We have appointed Capn. Gardiner to proceed to Camp & Cap^{t}. Donald Campbell to supply his Place at S^{t}. David signify it to them and accquaint such of the Officers who came in for the recovery of their Health and are in a Condition to take the Field that We require them to return to Camp as soon as possible.

We are
GENT.
Your Affec^{t}. Friends & Serv^{ts}.
THO^{S}. SAUNDERS &C^{AS}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 24TH. DEC^{R}. 1753.

N^{o}. 167.

To M^{R}. CHA^{S}. HOPKINS
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH.

SIR

As You accquainted us in your Letter of the 9th. Instant with the Reasons that have prevented you from making the Proper enquiry in relation of the Investment We are only to desire you will do it as soon as the obstacles you mention are remov'd.

The Pady in Store at Deve Cotah has been a Considerable time and may decay as the Harvest promises Well let it be sold off and replace it with a like quantity of new grain.

By the Pay Roll of your Military We observe one Francis Flaction Called an Ensign and paid as such We know of no such person enquire into this Affair and accquaint Us by what means he acquir'd that Rank.

We are
SIR
Your Affec^{t}. Friends
THO^{S}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
24TH. DEC^{R}. 1753.

N^{o}. 168.

TO THE HONBLE RICH^{D}. BOURCHIER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We propos'd to have adress'd you some time ago but as We had reason to be in daily expectation of receiving Advices from you We waited their Arrivall and have not been disapointed for We were a few days past favour'd with your Letter of the 31st. Oct^{r}. since those you acknowledge the Receipt of We wrote to you the 11th. Sept^{r}. by the Bombay Frigate 3^{d}. of Oct^{r}. by Pattamar and 18th. Oct^{r}. by a Vessell bound to the Malabar Coast a Duplicate of the last accompanys This.

We have had the pleasure of hearing from Bengall that all our Honble Masters ships bound thither from this Coast were safely arrived the Dragon excepted of which We could not expect any news as she did not leave this place till the 26th. Septr.

The Delawar was dispatch'd and sail'd from hence for England the 29th. of Octr. with part of her Tonnage in Salt petre for want of Bales such are the sad effects of the War in this Province which makes our Concern the greater that 'tis not in your power to Assist towards the dispatching the Tonnage on this Side of India.

The short time since the Receipt of your above mention'd favour has not admitted of our getting sufficient information to Return you an answer in Relation to the Bombay Detachment some of Whom are at the out Garrisons.

As your Honour &ca. may have more frequent & better Opportunities than We of Conveying the Plank now lying at Calicutt round hither, We request you will order some Vessell to touch there for it.

The Events of the War in the Carnateck have been much more favourable to the Nabob than our Warmest hopes could have given us expectation & Yet the prospect of Peace lyes still at a distance, the Enemys seem determin'd on their purpose and nothing but absolute Necessity can drive them from it they have constantly met with disgrace in every action & skirmish that has happen'd for some months past and have generally sustained considerable Loss but by the Advantage of numbers they still support their Cause in a late attempt on Tritchinopoly they met with a severe stroke; a design was form'd surprizing it in the night and (perhaps by the Treachery of the Centinells) above six hundred men pass'd the Ditch scaled the first Wall and got possession of a Battery they Could proceed no further and a retreat was impracticable three hundred Europeans submitted and were made Prisoners forty were kill'd on the spot and the rest under favour of the night made their escape. Thô our Losses compared with those of the Enemy have been very inconsiderable yet by being constantly in the Field We find Our Troops thro sickness & Accidents a good deal diminish'd We particularly feel the Loss of Officers who we know not by what fatality have dropt off much faster in proportion than the Common Men & We are at a Loss how to replace them, it would be doing a signal Service if the State of your military could admit of your supplyg. Us with a few Good Officers One difficulty however We cannot help mentiong. in case Your Honour &ca. should think of lending Us this Assistance, the Officers on this establishment must be promoted as Vacancy's happen and it would certainly occasion great disgust were they to be superceded those from you cou'd not meet with so quick a succession for being a separate body their Rise wou'd only be as vacancy's happen in their Own Corps.

'T is not on this part of the Coast only that Our Investment meets with Impedimt. troubles have arisen in the Rajamundrum and Chicacul Country's which have disapointed our hopes from that Quarter, so that our utmost expectations do not extend beyond the provision for half a ships loading in Jañry.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servts.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier

Fort St. George
24th. Decr. 1753.

No. 169.

To Thos. Dorrill Esqr. Chief
&Ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gent.

Your Letters of the 5th. & 28th. August reach'd Us the 27th. Septr. and within these few days, We have reced Letters from Bombay confirming your advices that no part of the Tonnage on this side India can be provided for on the other Coast this concerns Us the more as Our Investment is likely to be very short Occasioned by the Continuance of the Troubles which We cannot yet see any prospect of bringing to a happy Conclusion tho the Nabobs successes have been greater than Could have been expected considering the Superiority of the Enemy's Numbers.

All our Honble Master's ships destin'd to the Bay except the Dragon which We could not well be advised of as she sail'd late from hence are We hear safely arriv'd there & those bound to China were all but the Harcourt seen well in the streights of Malacca.

The Delawar was dispatch'd for England and left Us the 29th. Octr.

We are
Gent.
Your Most Obedt. Servts.
Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex: Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 24th. Decr. 1753.

No. 170.

To George Scott Esqr. Chief
&Ca. Factors at Anjengo.

Gent.

This is chiefly to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th. July and and to accquaint you that by Advices from Bombay what you write Us of your Tonnage is confirmed so that We can have no hopes of any Assistance from that Quarter the War still raging in this Country and Fresh Troubles arising to the Northward have reduced Our Investment to a very narrow compass.

We are advised of the safe arrival at the Bay of all the Company's ships bound there except the Dragon and all those destin'd to China but the Harcourt were spoke with in the Streights of Malacca.

The Delawar was dispatch'd for England and Weigh'd out of Our Road on her intended Voyage the 29th. Octr.

We are
Gent.
Your Most Obedt. Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
24th. Decr. 1753.

No. 171.

To the Honble Roger Drake Eeq^r^.
President & Gov^rs^. &c^a^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Betsy Ketch We reply'd fully to your several Letters and address'd you again a few days afterwards by the Mary, a Duplicate of the last waits on you with this

It would be a great pleasure to Us could We see any better prospect than what We have already Wrote your Honour &c^a^. of Contributing more largely to the dispatch of Our Honble Masters shipping to Europe this Season, but on the contrary We can scarcely flatter Ourselves with the Hope of accomplishing what We then undertook our great dependance was on the Northern Investment which has been much impeded by an unhappy difference between the Nabob and Rajah & the Troubles in this part of the Country continuing as rife as ever have prevented any considerable progress, it would be some consolation if We could see any any probality [*Sic*] of putting an end them but of this M^r^. Dupleix's inflexible Obstinacy leaves us little hopes tho the Nabobs success of late has been much beyond what might have been reasonably expected in a general Engagement the latter end of Sept^r^. the Enemy's combin'd forces were defeated as they had been before in Several Actions, the Monsoon coming on oblig'd our Troops to go into Cantonment. The French chose this Opportunity to attempt by treachery & surprize what they had in vain endeavoured to accomplish by force of arms. Tritchinopoly was the Object, they attempted it by escalade in the night of the 28^th^. of last month & above 600 men actually penetrated beyond the ditch and first Wall, 'twas happy they did for they soon found it impracticable to advance & almost as difficult to retreat in this situation they had no resource but submission, they yielded their Arms & near three hundred Europeans made Prisoners forty kill'd on the spott & many more must have shar'd the same fate in their precipitate flight notwithstanding these considerable Losses the Enemy have still an Army in the Field, to oppose which every man We can add to ours is absolutely necessary as thro sickness & other accidents We find our Forces greatly reduc'd particularly the Officers of whom We are in great Want the Quick succession on this Coast for some time past has induc'd several young Gentlemen belonging to the Europe ships to engage themselves much to their satisfaction as Voluntiers who on their good behaviour, have always been promoted We imagine many more would be glad of an opportunity to get their living in this honourable employ where the prospects are so lucrative which induces us to request your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will propose it to such as you think proper upon a promise that on their Arrival here they shall be enter'd as Voluntiers & be promoted to the first Vacancys, there are severall now to be fill'd up and probably more may shortly happen.

By advices recd within these few days from Bombay We l[e]arn the safe arrival of the Prince Edward from Europe.

The Delawar was dispatch'd from hence for England the 29^th^. of Oct^r^. with part of her Tonnage in Salt Petre for want of Bales.

The 5^th^. of Last Month We return'd the Porto Bello sloop to the Negrais with such supplys as cou'd be procur'd during her short stay here We hope the Mary may have sav'd her passage with our advices & that your Hon^r^. &c^a^. have been able to furnish M^r^. Hunter with what we requested.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obed^t^. Serv^ts^.
Tho^s^. Saunders.
Cha^s^. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s^. Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
24^th^. Dec^r^. 1753.

No. 172.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gent.

Since our last of which the enclosd is a duplicate We have recd your Letter of the 22d. Novr. giving us a particular relation of the Quarrel between the Nabob & Rajah & the success of the Latter on which We have no other observation to make than that We much fear a foundation is laid for long Troubles in those parts and strongly recommnd to you to avoid as much as possible everything that may disgust either party.

As the Country powers are always ready to cavill on every Occasion We wish you could have obtain'd the Nabobs perwana for coining Dubbs however as they are much wanted we would have you proceed in that Business on the authority of his verbal promise.

The French have as much at heart as We the promoting an Investment in your parts and will We dont doubt obtain a settlement to the Northward of Vizagapatam We are sensible it might interfere with your Investment were they to fix at Conarra but how your hoisting the Company's Flag there will prevent it is not plain to us the Rajah has not nor can make an absolute grant of it to the Company, but even if he had a few miles further might answer their purpose as well We mention this not in disapproval of What you have done but as a Caution to you not to enter into any fresh disputes with the French on a bad foundation or at any Rate unless in support of the Compys. rights or that some real advantage is likely to arise from it if you perceive any We consent to your building a slight mettah at Conarra just sufficient to answer the Present purpose as the Expence can be but trifling.

The Chints you sent Us being Cured We have carefully Examin'd them and in general think they are very indifferently executed the Colours particularly the red want Life and are much inferiour to the paintings here the Cloth Course Percallas would be more proper perhaps on a further Tryal your Artists may improve if they should not it will by no means answer however make another essay.

The Detachment of Military at Ingeram has hitherto been consider'd as part of your Garrison & have therefore been allow'd Batta, We see no reason for this expence and they are therefore to be consider'd in future as independent of you and We shall direct Mr. Westcott to discontinue the Batta.

We say nothing of your Investment as well because We have so frequently recommended it to your Attention as that We have a relyance on your best endeavours.

Your Indent for Surgeons Uttensills &ca. is very unprecedented. The surgeon has an allowance to provide Medicines Instruments &ca. you should see that he does so, but if it should appear more Convenient to be supply'd from hence let Us know it in time that We may indent to Europe accordingly and in that Case the Surgeons allowance must be taken off.

A packet for the President & Council of Bengall accompany's this which We desire you will forward with expedition.

We are

Gent.

Your Affect. Friends

Thos. Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
24th. Decr, 1753.

N°. 173.

To Foss Westcott Esq^r^.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We wrote to you so lately as the 11^th^. Instant and having now occasion to send advices to Bengal the same Pattamars give Us an Opportunity of forwarding a duplicate.

We observe that Our Honble Masters have been put to the Expence of Batta for the Detachment of military at your residency for no other reason than because they have been consider'd as part of the Garrison of Vizagapatam We have wrote to the Chief &c^a^. Council of that settlement that they are hence forward to be independent of them and subject to your Command the Batta must therefore be no longer paid them.

We are
Sir
Your Affec^t^. Friends
Tho: Saunders.
Fort S^t^. George — Cha^s^. Boddam.
24^th^. Dec^r^. 1753. — Henry Powney.
Alex: Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha^s^. Bourchier.

N°. 174.

To M^r^. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

The Pattamars by which you will receive this being charg'd with Letters to the other Northern Settlement and Bengal We would have them sent forward with expedition We have received your letter of the 8^th^. Instant which requiring no particular Answer We only enclose a duplicate of What we wrote you the 11^th^. Instant and are

Sir
Your Affec^t^. Friends
Tho^s^. Saunders &c^a^. Council

Fort S^t^. George
24^th^. Dec^r^. 1753.

N°. 175.

To Rich^d^. Starke Esq^r^. Deputy Gov^r^.
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Gen̅t.

As it may be some Time before the Dragon sloop can be able to work down hither against the Current We have consign'd to you by two Massoola Boats twelve Chests containing a Lack of Arcot Rupees as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed this We hope will enable you sufficiently to push your Investment & supply the Major.

By this Conveyance Capts. Thos. Greenvile & John Innes Lieut. Jas. Spears & Voltr. John Clarke take their passage to you & are to proceed to Camp without delay except Capt. Innis who is to relieve Capt. Pascal at Deve Cotah.

We are

Gent.

Your Affect. Friends & Servts.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 31st. Decr. 1753.

No. 176.

To Mr. Chas. Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

You will receive this by the Hands of Capts. John Innes whom we have appointed to relieve Capt. Pascall in the Command at Deve Cotah & as every Officer should have his turn of Duty in the Field, the latter must without delay proceed to Camp.

The Polygar of Deve Cotah complains that he meets with difficulty's in collecting the Dutys he is intitled to by his Cowle, it is but reasonable that he should be supported in the Priveleges granted him We therefore enclose you a Copy of his Cowle that you may see Justice done him.

The strength of your Garrison Will by no means admit of your sparing any Detachments the Party you sent to Pallam Cotah must therefore be recalled.

We are

Sir

Your Affect. Friends

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex: Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 31st. Decr. 1753

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